

Surprise!

After a time of seeking God, we somehow expect to find it easy to seek and find Him.

Great is our disappointment when we find it not so.

The Christian life in all its aspects is a daily, no, a moment by moment battle.

The world never entirely loses its attraction to us. The flesh never ceases seeking its own. The devil is always trying to trip us up, draw us away from God, making sin attractive to us, substituting something for God, offering us false gods.

We must be always making "God choices," yielding to Him, rejecting the allurements of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

We must not grow weary of the battle. We must reject the notion that we can ever expect seeking, finding, and following God to be easy. We must be constantly remembering that we that we need to be always making the wise, right, God-pleasing, self-sacrificing decisions.

We must be constantly throwing ourselves on God in whom alone is our hope always in all things. We must be constantly seeking, worshiping, praising, thanking, resting and rejoicing in, and obeying our God.

We must not become lopsided by emphasizing some of these to the exclusion of others.

Upon leaving the seeking hour, we must continue looking to God as frequently as we can, talking to Him, quoting scriptures, saying words of worship, praise, and thanksgiving, not looking for tears or good feelings.

We can just continue our communion with God in a dimension that's quite different, different because our minds are usually occupied with thoughts of things temporal.

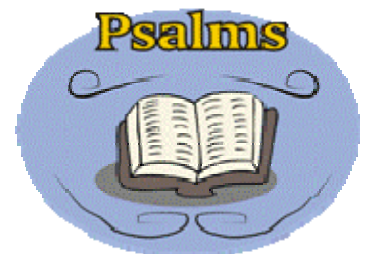
That's the way it must be, and that's just fine. Still it's no reason to ignore God entirely. Rather, seek to take Him as the guiding light, the enabling life, into everything we do. Ask for His direction and intervention in all things.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice
and be glad in thee.

-Psalm 40:16

My tongue shall
speak of thy righteousness,
and of thy praise,
all the day long.

-Psalm 35:18



We must accept the reality of the day by day, moment by moment battle, to practice all that is entailed in seeking and finding God however tedious and draining it may seem to be.

By God's gracious enabling we need to constantly, fully, apply ourselves to the task.