# 15-105-13 A SEEKING HEART: OPENESS TO GOD

:20 Deuteronomy 4:29; Reference to Jeremiah 29: 11-14; Exodus 19:5-6 The importance of obedience to the commands of God. There are a few unconditional promises of God, but most are conditional (If – Then).

2:05 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2:45 Deuteronomy 4:29. If you seek the Lord with all you heart and soul you will find him. Teaching on the nature of the book of Deuteronomy to give context to the 29<sup>th</sup> verse.

5:00 Deuteronomy 4:25-28 What will happen to the people of God if they become corrupt. Then teaching related to verse 29 – seeking the Lord with all of your being.

9:10 Proverbs 2:1-5 If you know and keep the will of God and seek him – you will find him.

11:30 Proverbs 1:24-30 The conditions that keep you from finding the Lord and receiving his grace.

13:25 John 3:18 Those who refuse the Lord stand condemned.

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14:25 2 Chronicles 14:1-5 King Asa calls upon the people to turn to the Lord. There is no sense in seeking the Lord if you are not going to deal with the sin. In our age the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin – Not condemnation but conviction. Reference Romans 8:1.

21:45 2 Chronicles 15:1-3 If you seek the Lord he will be found by you. The importance of a teaching priest (leader). Reference Malachi 2:1-9 with focus on verse 7.

26:20 2 Chronicles 15:12-15 They sought the Lord eagerly and found him. The Lord gave them rest on every side. Reference Luke 15:10, 22-24 The repentance of a sinner brings joy to the angels, to the Lord and to the Lord's faithful.

27:50 2 Chronicles 34:1-21 King Josiah, who became King at age 8, sought to do right in the eyes of the Lord. First he dealt with the sin of the land. In the rebuilding of the people and the temple the book of the law was found. The society had fallen so far that God's word had been physically lost, even in the midst of his temple of worship.

35:00 Revelation 3:1-3 You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. An admonition from the Lord.

36:20 Psalm 14:2 The Lord looks for those who seek him.

Psalm 9:10 God does not forsake those who truly seek him.

Psalm 27:8 My heart says of you, seek his face! Your face, Lord I will seek.

<u>Deut. 4:29</u> But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Jer. 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. <u>12</u> Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. <u>13</u> You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. <u>14</u> I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

<u>Ex. 19:5</u> Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine,  $\underline{6}$  you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

<u>1John 1:9</u> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

<u>Deut. 4:25</u> After you have had children and grandchildren and have lived in the land a long time—if you then become corrupt and make any kind of idol, doing evil in the eyes of the LORD your God and provoking him to anger, <u>26</u> I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you this day that you will quickly perish from the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess. You will not live there long but will certainly be destroyed. <u>27</u> The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and only a few of you will survive among the nations to which the LORD will drive you. <u>28</u> There you will worship man-made gods of wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or eat or smell. <u>29</u> But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Prov.	<u>2:1</u> My son, if you accept my words
	and store up my commands within you,
<u>2</u>	turning your ear to wisdom
	and applying your heart to understanding,
<u>3</u>	and if you call out for insight
	and cry aloud for understanding,

<u>4</u> and if you look for it as for silver

and search for it as for hidden treasure,

- 5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.
- Prov. 1:24 But since you rejected me when I called and no one gave heed when I stretched out my hand,
- 25 since you ignored all my advice and would not accept my rebuke,
- <u>26</u> I in turn will laugh at your disaster; I will mock when calamity overtakes you—
- 27 when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you.
- <u>Prov. 1:28</u> "Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me.
- 29 Since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the LORD,
- <u>30</u> since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke,

John 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

<u>2Chr. 14:1</u> And Abijah rested with his fathers and was buried in the City of David. As a his son succeeded him as king, and in his days the country was at peace for ten years.

<u>2Chr. 14:2</u> As a did what was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God. <u>3</u> He removed the foreign altars and the high places, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. <u>4</u> He commanded Judah to seek the LORD, the God of their fathers, and to obey his laws and commands. <u>5</u> He removed the high places and incense altars in every town in Judah, and the kingdom was at peace under him. <u>Rom. 8:1</u> Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

<u>2Chr. 15:1</u> The Spirit of God came upon Azariah son of Oded. <u>2</u> He went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Listen to me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you. <u>3</u> For a long time Israel was without the true God, without a priest to teach and without the law.

<u>Mal. 2:1</u> "And now this admonition is for you, O priests. <u>2</u> If you do not listen, and if you do not set your heart to honor my name," says the LORD Almighty, "I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have already cursed them, because you have not set your heart to honor me.

<u>Mal. 2:3</u> "Because of you I will rebuke your descendants; I will spread on your faces the offal from your festival sacrifices, and you will be carried off with it. <u>4</u> And you will know that I have sent you this admonition so that my covenant with Levi may continue," says the LORD Almighty. <u>5</u> "My covenant was with him, a covenant of life and peace, and I gave them to him; this called for reverence and he revered me and stood in awe of my name. <u>6</u> True instruction was in his mouth and nothing false was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and turned many from sin.

<u>Mal. 2:7</u> "For the lips of a priest ought to preserve knowledge, and from his mouth men should seek instruction—because he is the messenger of the LORD Almighty. <u>8</u> But you have turned from the way and by your teaching have caused many to stumble; you have violated the covenant with Levi," says the LORD Almighty. <u>9</u> "So I have caused you to be despised and humiliated before all the people, because you have not followed my ways but have shown partiality in matters of the law."

<u>2Chr. 15:12</u> They entered into a covenant to seek the LORD, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and soul. <u>13</u> All who would not seek the LORD, the God of Israel, were to be put to death, whether small or great, man or woman. <u>14</u> They took an oath to the LORD with loud acclamation, with shouting and with trumpets and horns. <u>15</u> All Judah rejoiced about the oath because they had sworn it wholeheartedly. They sought God eagerly, and he was found by them. So the LORD gave them rest on every side.

Luke 15:10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

<u>Luke 15:22</u> "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <u>23</u> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <u>24</u> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

<u>2Chr. 34:1</u> Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. <u>2</u> He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and walked in the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

<u>2Chr. 34:3</u> In the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David. In his twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of high places, Asherah poles, carved idols and cast images. <u>4</u> Under his direction the altars of the Baals were torn down; he cut to pieces the incense altars that were above them, and smashed the Asherah poles, the idols and the images. These he broke to pieces and scattered over the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. <u>5</u> He burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and so he purged Judah and Jerusalem. <u>6</u> In the towns of Manasseh, Ephraim and Simeon, as far as Naphtali, and in the ruins around them, <u>7</u> he tore down the altars and the Asherah poles and crushed the idols to powder and cut to pieces all the incense altars throughout Israel. Then he went back to Jerusalem.

<u>2Chr. 34:8</u> In the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign, to purify the land and the temple, he sent Shaphan son of Azaliah and Maaseiah the ruler of the city, with Joah son of Joahaz, the recorder, to repair the temple of the LORD his God.

<u>2Chr. 34:9</u> They went to Hilkiah the high priest and gave him the money that had been brought into the temple of God, which the Levites who were the doorkeepers had collected from the people of Manasseh, Ephraim and the entire remnant of Israel and from all the people of Judah and Benjamin and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. <u>10</u> Then they entrusted it to the men appointed to supervise the work on the LORD's temple. These men paid the workers who

repaired and restored the temple. <u>11</u> They also gave money to the carpenters and builders to purchase dressed stone, and timber for joists and beams for the buildings that the kings of Judah had allowed to fall into ruin.

<u>2Chr. 34:12</u> The men did the work faithfully. Over them to direct them were Jahath and Obadiah, Levites descended from Merari, and Zechariah and Meshullam, descended from Kohath. The Levites—all who were skilled in playing musical instruments— <u>13</u> had charge of the laborers and supervised all the workers from job to job. Some of the Levites were secretaries, scribes and doorkeepers.

<u>2Chr. 34:14</u> While they were bringing out the money that had been taken into the temple of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the LORD that had been given through Moses. <u>15</u> Hilkiah said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the LORD." He gave it to Shaphan.

<u>2Chr. 34:16</u> Then Shaphan took the book to the king and reported to him: "Your officials are doing everything that has been committed to them. <u>17</u> They have paid out the money that was in the temple of the LORD and have entrusted it to the supervisors and workers." <u>18</u> Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.

<u>2Chr. 34:19</u> When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes. <u>20</u> He gave these orders to Hilkiah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Abdon son of Micah, Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king's attendant: <u>21</u> "Go and inquire of the LORD for me and for the remnant in Israel and Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the LORD's anger that is poured out on us because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written in this book."

Rev. 3:1 "To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. <u>2</u> Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. <u>3</u> Remember,

therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

- <u>Psa. 14:2</u> The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.
- <u>Psa. 9:10</u> Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.
- <u>Psa. 27:8</u> My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.