

# 1 Chronicles 16:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

## Analysis

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David's psalm commands 'Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.' The dual object - 'LORD' (person) and 'his strength' (attribute/provision) - shows worship pursues both relationship and resource. 'Seek his face' (baqash panav) uses intimate language of desiring God's presence and favor. The adverb 'continually' (tamid) indicates perpetual, not occasional, seeking. This pattern of continuous God-seeking characterizes covenant faithfulness throughout Chronicles. It anticipates Jesus's teaching to pray always (Luke 18:1) and Paul's command to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Seeking God's face is the believer's lifelong pursuit.

## Historical Context

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Set in the context of bringing the ark to Jerusalem (c. 1000 BCE), this call to continual seeking established worship patterns for Israel's golden age. The Levitical musicians would repeat this daily, shaping communal spirituality around God-centeredness.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How 'continual' is your seeking of God's face - is it occasional crisis-driven prayer or daily practice?
2. What would change if you pursued God's presence with the same persistence you pursue other goals?

## Interlinear Text

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| דָּרַשׁ | יְהֹוָה  | וְעַזְזָה        | בְּקָשׁ | פָּנִים  | פָּנִים     |
| Seek    | the LORD | and his strength | seek    | his face | continually |

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 68:35** (Parallel theme): O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

**Psalms 24:6** (Parallel theme): This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

**Psalms 67:1** (Parallel theme): God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.

**Psalms 4:6** (References Lord): There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

**Amos 5:6** (References Lord): Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Beth-el.

**2 Chronicles 6:41** (References Lord): Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.

**Psalms 78:61** (Parallel theme): And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.

