

Psalm 105:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

Analysis

Seeking the LORD and His strength, and seeking His face continually demonstrates persistent pursuit of God's presence and power. 'Strength' (oz) refers to God's might. 'Face' (panim) represents His favorable presence. 'Continually' (tamid) means perpetual, unceasing seeking. This isn't occasional religious duty but constant orientation toward God. Christ taught persistent prayer (Luke 18:1) and promised His presence with disciples always (Matt 28:20). The Reformed practice of daily devotion and Sabbath worship reflects this call to continual seeking.

Historical Context

In Israel's worship, seeking God's face meant approaching His presence in the tabernacle/temple. This verse spiritualizes that practice, calling for constant pursuit of God's presence, not just occasional visits.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What practices help you seek God's presence continually rather than merely at designated times?
2. How does seeking God's strength differ from seeking your own competence and self-sufficiency?

Interlinear Text

1	דָּרְשָׁ	ה	יְהִי	לְ	עֵזֶר	וְ	בְּקָשָׁ	וְ	פָּנִים	וְ	פָּנִים
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 27:8 (References Lord): When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

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 132:8 (References Lord): Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.

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