Looking For God

Isa 55.8-11

1. Questions about who and what God is

- a. work of man and work of God
- b. wars, poverty other inequalities such as race, economics
- c. confuse the image of God

2. Not physical

- a. **Deut 4.15-19** saw no similitude when on the mountain
- b. Ex 20.4-5 make no graven images
- c. **Rom 8.24** that which is seen is not hope

3. Distractions

- a. 1 Cor 1.21 wisdom of this world knew not God
- b. Matt 24.24 false Christs and false prophets
- c. 1 John 2.18 there are many antichrists
- d. 2 Pet 2.1 there were false prophets among the people
- e. Matt 18.7 woe to that man ... offenses

4. Simple truth

- a. **Isa 26.9** inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness
- b. **Jer 31.33-34** they shall all know me
- c. Matt 24.35 my word shall not pass
- d. Acts 17.26-27 though he be not far from every one of us
- e. 2 Cor 6.2 now is the day of salvation

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2. Not physical

Deut 4.15-19 - Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: 16: Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, 17: The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, 18: The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth: 19: And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

Ex 20.4-5 - Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

Rom 8.24 - For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

3. Distractions

- **1 Cor 1.21** For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.
- Matt 24.24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.
- **1 John 2.18** Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.
- **2 Pet 2.1** But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.
- **Matt 18.7** Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

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- **Isa 26.9** With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.
- **Jer 31.33-34** But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34: And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.
- Matt 24.35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.
- **Acts 17.26-27** And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; 27: That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:
- **2 Cor 6.2** (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)