

"Let Us Search And Try Our Ways, And Turn Again To The LORD." *Lamentations 3:40 KJV*

No human that ever lived can claim sinless perfection for *"There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, NO, NOT ONE."* We cannot search out nor evaluate sin in our lives without God's Word and the Holy Spirit's Faithful Guidance Into Truth. Microscopes magnify the tiniest cells, but are useless to the blind. They, in fact, require a very bright light. God's Word can be read and reread by



unregenerate man and he will not find nor learn anything without the Illumination of God, the Holy Spirit. *"God IS Light and in Him is NO darkness at all."* You can't see dirt in the dark. Believers may also read God's Word, but unless they nurture, by prayer and meditation, a quiet obedient spirit and an attentive hearing ear to the Holy Spirit of Truth, they too, will grope along bound by the velvet chains of lust locked sin! Without the Blessed Light the Holy Spirit *"Shed abroad in our hearts,"* there is no seeing, no hearing, nor ability. *"It Is God That Worketh in you; both to Will AND to Do of His Good Pleasure."* You may think that surrendering your will to God is bondage, but you are no more in bondage than a child whose hand is held tightly by a loving parent. We would run headlong into our destruction if left to our own devices. An obedient child is a protected child. An obedient child is a child without need. It is only in the quietness of contemplative meditation and prayer that Truth is heard. A quiet child always hears the parent's warning. *"Be still and know that I Am God!"* God's Voice is only heard in the quietness of men's souls. The wicked heart is never quiet. *"Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied."* The unsatisfied soul is a restless unrepentant soul. Christ Promised Peace To His Own. *"Peace I Leave with you, My Peace I Give unto you: not as the world giveth, Give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Great Peace have they which love Thy Law: and nothing shall offend them."* If I stand next to God, who is going to harm me? *"If God Be For us, who can be against us?"* The question is rhetorical.

Oh, search you may in darkest night,
And never find the thing that's right,
Without Truth's brilliant searching Light,
You'll never leave your sordid plight! –CGP

You cannot ask for nor expect Peace if you are unwilling to turn to God for cleansing. *"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD shall be saved."* Don't expect to be heard if you, like Rachel, are hiding some idol. *"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the LORD Will Not Hear me."* Cheerful obedience is the evidence of a cleansed repentant heart. I can only search and try my heart if I agree with God and allow the LIGHT of His Word of Truth to search out the sin in my life. Then only if I acknowledge it and turn to Him in obedience, can I be rid of it. What may seem flawless with human scrutiny becomes deep dark crevasses under the magnification of Truth's Lighted lens! Trying to cleanse yourself of sin is like doing self-surgery with your eyes shut. You'll blindly cut and cut until you bleed to death. Let the Great Physician Do the job; He's Never Lost a patient!

"For God, Who Commanded The Light To Shine out of darkness, Hath Shined in our hearts, to Give the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God In The Face Of Jesus Christ. But we have This Treasure in earthen vessels, that the Excellency of the Power May Be Of God, and not of us." 2 Corinthians 4:6-7 KJV