

*“Follow Peace with all men, and Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the Grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the Blessing, he was rejected: for **He Found No Place Of Repentance**, though he sought it carefully with tears.”*
Hebrews 12:14-17 KJV



Are you bitter towards God? Repentance is not how you feel, but what you do. Change of heart is not wrought by the deeds we do, but by the desire that compels them. *“Delight thyself also in the LORD; and HE Shall Give thee the DESIRES of thine heart. Commit thy way (your efforts) unto the LORD; trust also in Him; and HE Shall Bring it to pass.”* Desire is compelled by what you think and what you think compels your deeds. *“As he thinketh... so is he.”* Esau regretted his sin, was truly sorrowful, and sought repentance with tears, but found it not. Esau was unwilling to seek God, and even though he felt bad, *“he found no place of repentance.”* Repentance is not about YOU changing your ways, but about seeking God’s Way. You can’t DO your way to Heaven. *“Not by works of Righteousness (good deeds) which we have done, but according to His Mercy He Saved us. Received ye the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?”* So how do we find repentance? *“GODLY SORROW WORKETH REPENTANCE... what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.”* Notice the attributes of Godly Sorrow; carefulness, indignation, fear, vehement desire, zeal, and revenge. Wow! When we see our sin in the Light of God’s Word not only do we abhor its corruption and death, but are amazed that God could Love us anyway! Yes, we fear Him and well we should, but fear does not give us the passion to obey; it’s His Love for us which Inspires our passion for Him! *“We love Him, because He FIRST Loved us. God Commendeth His Love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ Died for us.”* Christ Knew everything about you and Decided to Love and Redeem your life before you ever were! *“Before I Formed thee in the belly I Knew thee. Yea, I Have Loved thee with An Everlasting Love.”* Dwell on this Truth in your heart and mind and you will most surely find repentance!

God’s Holy Word Beseeches us,
That to His Care, return we must,
So when our life returns to dust,
We’ll find His Word and Love are Just. –CGP

While it may have initially been the fear of God that began your search for repentance, it must be God’s Love for you which compels your desire to believe and obey. Keeping His Word in thought constantly reinforces our passion to seek Him! Repentance is a return to the Love of God!

“Herein is Love, not that we loved God, but that He Loved us, and Sent His Son to be the Propitiation (Atoning Sacrifice) for our sins.” 1 John 4:10 KJV