

GROPE FOR GOD AND FIND HIM

Acts 17:26-28 (NKJV) ²⁶And He has made from one [£]blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷**so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'**

Acts 17:30-31 (NKJV) ³⁰Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

Let us meditate the latter part of this verse. We saw that the Lord has placed us in such and such a place at such and such a time.

We live in times where there seems to be no need of God. Yet even in such circumstances, we need God more than ever. Times of ignorance God has overlooked but now He commands all people everywhere to repent. It is God's eternal desire that we should at least grope and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us.

I hope you remember Lydia's story written on day before yesterday. If anyone could qualify not to believe in God, it would be Lydia (from the post *From Denmark to Jerusalem*). She was highly educated, ensconced in luxury, and was a perfect product of European Enlightenment.

But despite all this, there was that eternal spark in her which was picking her and she wanted to deal with that. She had to ask whether God was real and alive. And when she asked God revealed Himself to her and she had no other choice but to believe.

Even today if you pride yourself in being a sceptic and only want the teachings and not His salvation on the Cross, I challenge you, " Have you ever dared to ask God to reveal Himself?"

This needs both humility and courage. To put God on a higher level than us, only then we can ask of Him and courage because when God reveals Himself, then we have to stand on that.

Lydia's suffering started after God revealed Himself to her and she needed all the courage in the world to keep her stand in Christ.

Some of us may not have the same revelation as Lydia, but God has His own ingenious ways of revealing Himself. Steve Kuban, a worship leader testifies that he lived a very decrepit life and in a moment of sudden rage, he called out and said, "If God, you are real change me," and then the next morning he got up as a new man. He did not swear, he felt so new and fresh. He knew God had come close to Him and it was a new beginning

When we have even a small secret desire to know God, say the simple prayer. Ask God to reveal Himself to you. If He is near you as He has promised He will surely draw near to you. But if we want to argue the reality of God we may be arguing till our dying day, to the good of no one and to the loss of our souls.

Reach out for God, He desires all people everywhere to know He is God. He is not far from us. Reach out and touch.

God bless.

Acts 4:12 (NKJV) ¹²Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name(except Jesus Christ) under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

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