

Imperative from 2 Chronicles 7:14	2 Chronicles	King that Led in a National Revival
“humble themselves”	34-35	Josiah
“pray”	17-20	Jehoshaphat
“seek My face”	14-16	Asa
“turn from their wicked ways”	29-32	Hezekiah

ASA, the King:

- Descendant of D_____
- _____ King of the southern kingdom of Judah
- Ruled as king for _____ years (1 Kings 15:10)
- He “did what was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God (2 Chron. 14:2)
- Asa’s father, Abijah, had done much evil in the sight of the Lord and only ruled for 3 years; His grandfather, Rehoboam, had also done evil
- On one occasion, Asa removed his grandmother from her position as “queen mother” because of her involvement with Asherah worship (1 Kings 15:12-13; 2 Chron. 14:3, 16)
- Judah was at peace with surrounding nations for _____ years during his reign
- Father of J_____, one of the other three revival kings of Judah

Question #1: What does it mean to “seek the Lord’s face”?

- If we can’t see God’s face then how do we seek God’s face?

Seeking the Lord means seeking his p_____.

- The Hebrew word for “face” in the Old Testament is often translated as presence.
- To seek His face is to know His character and wanting Him- His presence- more than any other thing He can give us

Other Scriptures that call believers to “seek the Lord”

Psalm 27: 8- “When You said, “Seek My Face”, my heart said to You, “Your face, O Lord, I shall seek.”

Psalm 24: 3-6 “Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in His holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.”

Psalm 105: 4 “Look to the LORD and his strength; seek His face always.”

Psalms 84: 10 "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere..."

1 Chronicles 16:11- "Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face continually."
- a "setting of your mind and heart on God"

1 Chronicles 22: 19- "Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God..."

James 4:8 "Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded."

Examples from King Asa: 2 Chronicles 14: 4, 7, 14 15:1-4; 15:12-3, 15

- **Question #2: What "seeking His face" doesn't mean?**

- a. It does not mean we seek the Lord's h_____
 - Hand of B_____... "I will seek God for what He can do for me in return."
 - Hand of P_____.. "I will seek God because I need certain things from Him in my life"
 - Hand of Power

- **How do we "seek the face" of the LORD?**

- 1. P_____
 - It requires intimacy to look intently into someone's face. Pursuing God's face is equivalent to developing an intimate relationship with Him.
- 2. Bible R_____
- 3. W_____
 - Private and Public

- **Question #4: What keeps us from "Seeking God's Face"?**

- a. D_____
- b. I_____
- c. W_____
- d. P_____

*Psalm 10:4- "The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance, does not seek Him. All his thoughts are 'There is no God'."

Example of Not Seeking the Lord from Asa's Later Years:

2 Chronicles 16:7-9 > Results of Asa not seeking the face of the Lord

2 Chronicles 16: 12-14: in the 39th year of his reign, Asa is afflicted with a serious foot disease "even in his illness he did not seek help from the Lord, but only from the physicians."

CLOSING TRUTH:

When you become known as one who seeks the Lord, it becomes obvious to everyone when you s_____!