



*God has Needs (Part One)*

*John 4:3-7*

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**Objective Sentence:** *Everyone can minister to God by looking through the windows of His soul that allow us to see His needs.*

**Introduction; Pastor Dan:** Years ago while at my first church I preached a message from **John 4:3-7** which says, “<sup>3</sup> Jesus left Judea and returned to Galilee and ... came to the Samaritan village of Sychar ... <sup>6</sup> Jacob’s well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. <sup>7</sup> Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Please give me a drink.” From that encounter I learned two things about God: 1) God Has Needs 2) You have the ability to minister to the needs of God.

Somewhere in eternity past God looked into the mirror of His need and saw a reflection of my face and your face and then decided on our existence. You are a reflection of the needs of God. Created in His image. Genesis 1:27 says, “God created human beings in his own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” Our desires, passions, emotions and feelings are the personal traits we inherited from our creator.

**John 1:1 declares,** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Moses gave us the Ten Commandments inscribed in stone by the finger of God Himself. *These commandments are a reflection of God’s divine nature. They are windows into His heart, mind and soul—telling us what He is like and how we can have relationship with Him.* The statutes of the Lord reflect His needs. His commandments reveal His true character.

**#1. God has a need for Love** (*Ex.20:2-3 I am the LORD your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery. <sup>3</sup> “You must not have any other god but me.)*

**A. Eerdman's: God's character is expressed in the law; it bears witness to His spirituality, holiness, mercy and sovereignty---...truth and righteousness are visible in its every precept.**

**1. Seek God** (*Col. 3:1-4* If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.)

**a. Mike Bickle** The first step toward a personal relationship with Jesus is our decision to pursue Him more than we pursue other good things (such as anointing, health, happiness and success.)

**b. Hos.10:12** Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap in mercy. Break up your fallow ground, for it is time to come and seek the Lord until He comes and rains righteousness on you.

**c. H.G. Wells:** Faith in God is the first and the last thing; and until a man has found God, and been found by God, he begins at no beginning and works to no end.

**d. Thomas a Kempis:** If you seek your Lord Jesus in all things you will truly find Him, but if you seek yourself you will find yourself, and that will be to your own great loss.

**2. Love God** (*1 Jn. 4:7-8* Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> He who does not love does not know God, for God is love)

**a. Pastor Dan:** The power to keep every command is provided by the One who gave us every command to keep.

**b. Jn. 14:15-18** If you love Me, keep My commandments.<sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—<sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.<sup>18</sup> I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you

**c. Pastor Dan:** Some, maybe most feel that the commandments, these windows into God's soul are grievous and the only purpose they serve is to reveal our proclivity towards wrongdoing. I used to think that they were cruel taskmasters given to show us how bad and helpless we are. They are not! They reveal to us the potential we have in our relationship with God and what He can accomplish in us as we walk with Him. The commandments do not deal with the actuality of our weakness but the potentiality of our strength in Him.

**d. Ps. 37:4** Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.

**e. R. T. France:** To know about God is nothing; to know Him is everything.

**f. Eph. 3:20** There is greatness in you. Phil. 3:10

**g. David Bevin:** Whatever the depth (or shallowness) of our relationship with God, we can always know Him better.... There is no greater pursuit than the pursuit of a deeper relationship with God and nothing should have a higher priority in our lives.

**h. Phil. 3:10** That I may know Him and the power of His...

**Closing and Invitation; Donald Grey Barnhouse:** Someone has said that our great matters are little to God's power and that our little matters are great to his love. As soon as we have this conception of God, we shall see that he invites us to come at every moment, and that he is really longing for fellowship with his children. Sometimes he brings us to the end of our resources (to

ourselves) so that we have nowhere else to go except to Him. He is delighted when we come to Him; ask and seek His supply for our needs.