

## SEEKING AFTER GOOD THINGS

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Lessons: I Samuel 9 & 10

This story begins by telling about a man who had a son named Saul. Saul's father had some donkeys which got lost, so he sent his son to seek after them.

Some things we seek after in life we care about more than others. Would the man be seeking after those donkeys if his son were lost? Of course not, and that is why, after they had searched for a while, Saul said to his servant, "Come, let us return, lest my father cease caring about the donkeys and become worried about us" (I *Samuel* 9:5).

Samuel knew that they were seeking the donkeys, but there were much more important things to be thinking about. The Lord once said to people who were anxious about food and clothing, "Your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (*Matthew* 6:32, 33).

Saul was introduced to new hopes and plans that he had not thought of before. He had not realized that he was destined to serve his nation as king. One of the reasons this story touches us is that there is a heavenly destiny and use for each of us in the Lord's kingdom of the heavens. There are important things ahead for us of which we hardly dream while we pursue our way and seek various things.

The Lord does say to us, "Seek, and you shall find." And He teaches us along the way to keep lifting our minds to seek higher things. Once, when people came seeking for the Lord, He said to them that they were seeking Him because He had given bread to eat, but there were higher reasons to seek for Him. "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you" (*John* 6:27).

We are reminded of the saying in Isaiah: "Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen diligently to Me, and eat that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live" (*Isaiah* 55:2, 3).

In our lives we seek after many things, and the Lord, our heavenly Father, knows that we need them. He tells us stories about people who seek, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who when

he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it” (*Matthew* 13:45, 46).

He has given us this true story of Saul seeking for donkeys, and He gives the beautiful Psalm which says:

*One thing I have desired of the Lord,  
That will I seek;  
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
All the days of my life,  
To behold the beauty of the Lord,  
And to inquire in His temple (Psalm 27:4).*