

# Job 23:3

by Chuck Smith

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of seeking God, especially during trials, and reveals how Jesus embodies God's nature and love for humanity.*

**Scripture:** Job 23:3, Psalm 139:7-10, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 6:26, Matthew 11:28, Luke 19:10, John 14:6, John 14:9, Romans 1:20, Hebrews 4:16

**Topics:** "Finding God", "Jesus as the Revelation of God"

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## Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes Job's earnest search for God amidst his suffering, illustrating how trials can make God feel distant. Job's desire to find God and plead his case reflects a deep longing for strength and peace, even as he struggles to perceive God's presence. Smith draws parallels to Philip's experiences with Jesus, highlighting that seeing Jesus is akin to seeing the Father, as He embodies God's love, concern, and willingness to serve humanity. The sermon encourages those seeking God to look to Jesus, who invites us to come to Him as the Way and the Truth.

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## Transcript

"WHERE TO FIND GOD"

Intro: Eliphaz has just exhorted Job to acquaint himself with God and be at peace and good would come to him.

I. JOB'S EFFORT TO FIND GOD. "OH THAT I KNOW WHERE I MIGHT FIND HIM."

A. It's amazing how far off God sometimes seems.

1. Especially when we are going through a heavy trial or testing.

2. We feel as though our prayers are not heard.

3. We search so hard for guidance.

B. Job desired to come to His throne to plead his case.

1. He knew he would find strength.
2. He knew he would be delivered.
3. If he could just touch God's throne.
4. He desired to find God's peace & goodness.

C. Job describes his search for God.

1. vs. 8 He had gone forward and backward.
2. vs. 9 On the left and on the right.
3. He could see God working but he could not find Him.
  - a. Some say that they find God in nature.
  - b. Nature does testify of the existence of God.
  - c. Nature's testimony is incomplete.

1. One says, "God speaks to me in the breeze, He is gentle, cool, & refreshing."

2. But what if you get caught in a tornado? He becomes fierce, wild, destructive.

II. JESUS SAID TO PHILIP, "HE THAT HATH SEEN ME HATH SEEN THE FATHER.

" THE WORDS I SPEAK, THE WORKS I DO ARE GODS."

A. What had Philip seen of Jesus?

1. When he first met Jesus, Jesus had been looking for him & when Jesus found Philip He said, "follow Me."
2. When the multitude had been following Christ for several days and were now physically weak from hunger, Jesus said to Philip, "Where can we buy bread?"
3. There were certain Greeks who came to Philip seeking Jesus. He heard Jesus say, "The hour is now come for

the Son of Man to be glorified. Except a corn of wheat  
fall in the . . . "

4. He saw Jesus on the Mt. of Olives weeping over blind,  
lost Jerusalem.

5. He then saw Jesus take a towel and stoop to wash His  
disciples feet.

B. What had Philip seen of God? "He that . . ."

1. He saw God seeking the lost and bring them to a new  
life. "He that hath..."

2. He saw God's concern for man's physical needs and His  
glorious supply. "He that hath.."

3. He saw the suffering and agony of God for a lost world,  
and His willingness to give all to redeem it. "He that  
hath..."

4. He saw God weeping over blind lost humanity "He  
that . . ."

5. He saw God stooping down to serve man to minister to  
his needs. "He that hath..."

III. TO YOU TODAY WHO ARE SEEKING TO FIND GOD.

A. Jesus said:

1. "He that hath seen Me . . ."

2. "Come unto Me . . ."

3. "I am the Way, the Truth . . ."

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