**KING DAVID**

David did a terrible thing with Bathsheba and then to Uriah. But after hiding his sin and being confronted by Nathan the prophet, he confessed and repented.  We’re going to look at some Holy Spirit inspired writings of David that illustrates that he regularly sought and depended upon God, and he clearly wanted others to do the same. These scriptures are probably why God said that David was after His heart, even after his sin with Bathsheba!

**Ps. 63:8** “My soul followeth hard (dabaq) after thee, thy right hand upholdeth me.”

**Ps. 14:2**

“The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind
to see if there are any who understand, any who **seek** (Daras) God.” (Similar to 2 Chron.16:9)

**Ps. 27:8** “My heart says of you, “**Seek** (Heb baqas) his face!”
    Your face, Lord, I will **seek** (Heb baqas).

**Ps. 34:4-5** (NKJV) of David

“I **sought** (Heb daras) the Lord, and he answered me;
    he delivered me from all my fears.
**5**Those who **look** (Heb nabat) to him are radiant;
    their faces are never covered with shame.

**Psalm 37:3-7** (NIV) of David.  Here we clearly see how David was committed to seek the Lord and how he encouraged others to do the same.

**“Trust**(Heb batah) in the Lord and do good;
    dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
**4Take delight** (Heb amag) in the Lord,
    and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**5Commit** (Heb galal) your way to the Lord;
    **trust** (batah) in him and he will do this:
**6**He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
    your vindication like the noonday sun.

**7Be still** (Heb daman) before the Lord
    and **wait patiently** (Heb hul) for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
    when they carry out their wicked schemes.”

**Ps. 40:1** (NIV) of David

“I **waited patiently** (Heb qava) for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my **cry**(Heb sav a).”

We should continue to seek Him even when He doesn’t come to rescue right away.  But trust thatHe does hear our cry!

**Song:** I waited (Chuck Smith-- https://youtu.be/LJnn5UtKbjk?si=hhJKNSLC3XSmqStz

**Ps. 22:26** “…those who **seek** (daras) the Lord will praise him—
may your hearts live forever!”

**Quest**.  Do you struggle at times to praise the Lord?  In this verse of David’s, we see that “seeking” the Lord is one of the key things that enables a person to praise God freely!

**2 Sam 22:19** (NKJV) David’s song of Praise

“They (those who hated him) confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the Lord was my **support** (Heb mas en—like a staff).”

**1 Chron. 16:11** (David was instructing those who lead worship: see context vs.7-10)
**“Look** (daras) to the Lord and his strength;
    **seek** (baqas—seek to secure) his face always”.

**1 Chron 22:19** (David is speaking with the all the leaders of Israel before the Temple building project)
“Now devote your heart and soul to **seeking** (daras) the Lord your God. Begin to build the sanctuary of the Lord God, so that you may bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord and the sacred articles belonging to God into the temple that will be built for the Name of the Lord.”

**1 Chron 28:9** (just before David hands the kingdom over to Solomon)
“And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every desire and every thought. If you **seek** (Heb Daras) him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.”
(Like our thesis verse—Jer. 29:13)

**Ps. 145:18-20**

“The Lord is near to all who call (qara) on him,
    to all who call (qara) on him in truth.
**19**He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
    he hears their cry (sav a) and saves them.
**20**The Lord watches over all who love him,
    but all the wicked he will destroy.”

**Song if Time**: “I will wait for you”, by Getty. https://youtu.be/\_eJUqY\_6tqo?si=KUIy3D4\_m9tC0eH3

Key Hebrew and Greek words on “Dependence” or “relying” on in connection with the Lord:

* Hebrew—Sa an 🡪Leaning upon like a crutch
* Hebrew—Batah🡪putting one’s confidence in
* Hebrew—Nabat🡪looking with great attention
* Hebrew—Qava 🡪waiting upon (an active waiting with attention)
* Hebrew—Daras 🡪seeking, seek with care and application, consulting with
* Hebrew—Hasa 🡪seeking refuge in; flee for protection
* Hebrew—Ayin 🡪physical eye, or mental or spiritual “EYE” of seeing (See Ps. 121:1)
* Hebrew—Manos🡪flight, place of escape; a refuge from danger
* Hebrew—Mas en🡪support, staff
* Hebrew—Hul 🡪to wait longingly, to wait anxiously, to twist oneself around (this is an “active” wait)
* Hebrew—Qara🡪cry for help, utter a loud sound, call with the name of God
* Hebrew—Sa ag🡪cry for help, to cry out
* Hebrew—daman🡪to be silent, to be struck dumb
* Hebrew—dabaq🡪cling to, join to, stick to
* Hebrew—amag🡪take exquisite delight in
* Hebrew—galal🡪to roll away, roll together
* Hebrew—magen🡪shield, protector
* Hebrew—yada🡪to know (i.e. know the Lord), consider, recognize
* Hebrew—ezer🡪helper, one who aids
* Hebrew—sav a🡪cry for help
* Hebrew—Haka🡪wait for, long for (i.e., waiting for the Lord)
* Hebrew—baqas🡪to seek to find, to desire, to seek to secure
* Hebrew—kasap🡪to long for, to long after
* Hebrew—Kala🡪to be complete, to be accomplished, to faint for
* Hebrew—ranan🡪to cry out, to overcome, to ring out for joy
* Hebrew—qraba🡪a drawing near
* Hebrew—mahase🡪refuge, shelter
* Hebrew—sub🡪to turn back, to return
* Greek—meno 🡪 to remain in connection with
* Greek—pselaphao🡪touch, feel; metaphorically: mentally to seek after
* Greek—hypotasso🡪to submit to one’s control, subject oneself
* Greek—engizo🡪to bring near, to join one thing to another, to approach
* Greek—katharidzo🡪 consecrate, in a moral sense to free from defilement of sin
* Greek—tapeinoo🡪to make low; to devoid oneself of haughtiness
* Greek—zeteo🡪to seek out in order to find; to crave
* Greek—ekzeteo🡪(ek=out)to seek out God, a determined search (Wuest)
* Greek—epipotheho🡪to long for, to pursue, to long after
* Greek—epirhripto🡪to throw upon, place upon
* Greek—optanomai🡪to look at, to allow oneself to be seen
* Greek—elpizo🡪 to hope/trust, to wait for salvation with joy and full confidence
* Greek—eusebeia🡪piety towards God, reverence, respect
* Greek—endynamoa🡪strengthen, increase in strength
* Greek—en🡪in, by, with (especially meaningful with connected with the Lord
* Greek—proserchomai🡪to come to, approach, draw near to