

1 Chronicles 16:8-13 NLT

Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. [9] Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds. [10] Exult in his holy name; rejoice, you who worship the LORD. [11] SEARCH for the LORD and for his strength; continually seek him. [12] Remember the wonders he has performed, his miracles, and the rulings he has given.

God has given us the pattern of the tabernacle which is the prototype of a heavenly reality. Thanksgiving is the gateway into his courts. So let's start our day praising His name and giving thanks. Call upon and declare the goodness of His many names, for example He is YHWH JIREH our Provider!

Verse 11 encourages us to SEARCH for the Lord and His strength. When we declare His name JIREH, we can begin to SEARCH the scriptures where God has faithfully provided for His people. A good place to start searching is where His name was first revealed. "JIREH" was revealed in Genesis 22. I encourage you to read that passage because it was literally a life or death situation where Abraham was instructed by the Lord to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. If God asks us to prepare a sacrifice of even our most beloved child, how much more should we lay down our own desires and idols, and PURSUE HIM. As we search further we see that God is a good and loving God who provides a way of salvation for all of us - God the Father gave us His only son as the once and for all sacrifice on the cross.

God tested Abraham's heart. There is a wonderful dynamic as we trust and obey His word, because God is teaching us to trust, obey, fear and love Him. God is love. As we search and seek after Him, He will most certainly use situations to reveal and test our heart and character so that we can become more like Him and experience His goodness and mercy.

PRAY: Lord, DRAW me close to you. I wash my hands and purify my heart from all unrighteousness. Thank you for your love and provision. I find my rest in You alone.

God bless you.

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