

Isaiah 51 • How to Pursue God

1. (v.1-3) What we pursue we usually **get**. The **goal** of those who pursue the Lord is **righteousness**.
2. (v.4-8) Those who pursue God embrace His **Word** and **ways** while shrinking from those of man's. They see the reality of the godly pursuit, which is **permanent**, versus the earthly pursuit which is **temporary**.
3. (v.9-11) Those who pursue God may not immediately be **freed** from the **enslavement** of earthly circumstances, but they have the assurance of God – which is a **future** as sure as if it already happened in the **past** – that they will be. They know to **Whom** they actually belong.
4. (v.12-16) The pursuit of God is not strictly limited to the things and events we see here on **earth**; they have corresponding effects and connections to things in the **heavenly** realm as well. This is why they replace their **fear** of men with a **fear** of the Lord.
5. (v.17-20) Those who pursue God don't have to learn things the **hard** way by God's **discipline**.
6. (v.21-23) Those who pursue God will not continue forever in being **oppressed** by the people and institutions of this present world.