

THE DESIRE OF ALL NATIONS

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Haggai 2:7

"I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory."

The King James Version uses the phrase "the desire of all nations." Who or what is this object of desire?

4. Come, Desire of nations come,
Fix in us Thy humble home;
Oh, to all Thyself impart,
Formed in each believing heart!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born king;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
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*In the ministry of Jesus, the crowds seek him. Why?
...even when a region of the country asks him to leave, like the cities of the Decapolis did in Mark 5, the people still seek him out.*

Why?

Everybody has a broken heart.

Apart from God, humans are spiritually dying. Since the fall of man, the work of man was cursed (Genesis 3:17) and, as a result, there is an insatiable desire in every human (Ecclesiastes 6:7; Proverbs 27:20). Not only are humans needy but we also have a "vision" problem.

First, with the eyes of our head, we cannot see God (literally) and foremost, with the eyes of our heart, we struggle to accept His truth. Being alienated from God, our hearts and minds are blinded by earthly pleasures and worldly values (Ephesians 4:18; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 John 2:11). These dire spiritual conditions reveal our ultimate need for the Savior.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Matthew 5:6).

While it seems that no one or nothing in this world can give us true satisfaction, Jesus Christ promised that those who hunger and thirst for God's righteousness shall be satisfied.

"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world." C.S. Lewis

And He explicitly showed what He hungered for during His ministry on earth: "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work" (John 4:34).

Notice this truth: Something in us is seeking God. Something in God is seeking us.

John 4:23 ESV

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.