



“Return to Me, and I will return to you”, says the LORD of hosts.” Malachi 3:7

Men long for the blessing of God upon their lives. They may not understand this longing nor are they aware that it is God’s blessing they seek, but nevertheless, the longing remains! And often this blessing of God remains elusive – for this reason – our sin has separated us from God and thus from His blessing!

We know this – no man seeks after God on his own accord or by his own initiative. We also know that it is God Who first sought us out. We know further that it is God’s pursuit of us that awakens in us a desire to fellowship with Him. (John 15:16; 1 John 4:10).

With these truths as our basis we then understand better the meaning of the prophet’s statement, “Return to Me and I will return to you.” It is the call of God to His wayward people reminding them that they have left the place of blessing and this place of blessing is at the heart of the Father. He is calling them – He is calling us – back to Himself!

Pursue the Blessor not the blessing!

Pursue the Healer not the healing!

Pursue the Provider not the provision!

Pursue the Shepherd not the way!

“And all these blessings shall come on you, and overtake you, if you shall hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.” (Deuteronomy 28:2).

“Lord Jesus, thank You for Your faithfulness to pursue me even when I have forgotten the way to walk with You. Help me to always pursue You and not merely the blessings that issue from Your gracious hand! Amen!”

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