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First Fruits/ The Principle of Seeking God Early

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There is a principle in the Bible that God wants his people to arise early and seek him.

Almost never is there a command or request to seek God late or at night.

God wants the first fruits of our labor and effort.

First Born 583 times in the bible / Early 85 times

The Church was born on the first day of the week.

St John 20:

1. The **first day of the week** cometh Mary Magdalene **early**, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulcher, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulcher.
2. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulcher, and we know not where they have laid him.

St Luke 2:

7. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

We worship on the first day of the week.

1 Corinthians 16:

2. Upon the **first day of the week** let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.
3. And when I come, whosoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I sent to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem

Exodus 13:

2. Sanctify unto me all the **firstborn**, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.
15. And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the Lord slew all the **firstborn** in the land of Egypt, both the **firstborn of man**, and the **firstborn of beast**: therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all that openeth the matrix, being males; but all the **firstborn of my children** I redeem.



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Exodus 34:

26. The **first** of the **firstfruits** of thy land **thou shalt bring unto the house of the LORD thy God.**
Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

Exodus 8:

20. And the Lord said unto Moses, **Rise up early in the morning**, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

Psalms 57:

7. **My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.**
8. Awake up, my glory: awake, psaltery and harp: **I myself will awake early.**
9. I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: **I will sing unto thee among the nations.**
10. For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.
11. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

Psalms 63:

1. A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, thou art my God; **early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is.**
2. To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.
3. Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, **my lips shall praise thee.**
4. Thus will I bless thee while I live: **I will lift up my hands in thy name.**
5. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.

Psalms 108:

1. A Song or Psalm of David. O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise even with my glory.
2. Away, psaltery and harp: **I myself will awake early.**
3. I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praise unto thee among the nations.

Proverbs 8:

1. Doth not wisdom cry? And understanding put forth her voice?
17. I love them that love me: **and those that seek me early shall find me.**
18. Riches and honour are with me, yea, durable riches and righteousness.
19. My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.
20. I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:
21. That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasurers.

Some People get up Early for the Wrong Reasons

Isaiah 5:



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11. Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!

12. And the hard, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operations of his hands.
13. Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.
14. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.
15. And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled.