

Spending time with God in His Presence

In reading this, I so want you to walk away with a huge desire to spend more time with God than ever before!! If there is one thing that will have more impact on your life than anything else, it is TIME WITH GOD IN HIS PRESENCE!

Many of us would be able to agree that if God is really All-Powerful and All-Knowing, then it would be really beneficial to me to spend time with Him... But I want something deeper for you! I want your desire to go beyond what benefits you! I want you to come away from reading this little Bible Study Tool recognizing that being with God is the most amazing opportunity you have been given in this life! We will look at 3 truths that each of us must believe for our time in God's presence to really be worth everything!

Read Genesis 1:26-27 & 31

After creating man is the only time God says, "And it was VERY good!"

Truth #1:

God fully and completely takes immense pleasure in YOU!

HE created you.

He CREATED you.

He created YOU!!

Let the emphasis land on each word because each word is so important! God did this. He did it miraculously (you are a miracle walking!). And he did it because of his immense love for YOU!

At the core of who God is One who loves being in relationship! The Father, the Son, and the Spirit all enjoy perfect relationship together. They have perfect union and connection with each other, and the natural desire when you enjoy your relationship with perfect love is to share it with another. And out of this PLEASURE God created you. He created you in all your uniqueness and he made you a prize... his child.

When spending time with God in his presence, it is so important that you really allow this truth to settle in your heart - God loves you, takes pleasure in you, and calls you his own kid. Of his own Son, he said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased!"

Read Exodus 33:7-11

Moses loved to get away and hear from God. But God loved to talk with Moses too!

Truth #2:

God longs to share His heart with YOU

- The One who made you is God.
- He has something good in His heart to share with YOU.

- He is FOR you - like no one else will ever be! No matter how good you perform. No matter how bad you fail. No matter how crazy you feel. No matter how good your support system was/is, God is way more supportive than any of them or all of them combined! He loves to encourage you. He is far more understanding. And all this goodness in His heart that is far beyond anything you've ever known IS FOR YOU to receive!!

Let's look at what is in God's heart: He is holy (1 Peter 1:16) - there is no darkness in him at all (1 Jn 1:5). Everything he does is good and right (1 Timothy 4:4). He is just and fair (Deut 32:4). He is loving and merciful (Psalm 145:8). He is full of life (John 10:10). He is full of vision (Jeremiah 29:11). And his heart is to bless others (Gen 12:2-3) and to see others prosper (2 Corinthians 8:9). *(If you have time, look up these scriptures and enjoy peering into God's heart)*

When we spending time with God, he downloads revelation to us about the things on His heart!! This God who created everything, has desires, dreams, & plans that he actually longs to communicate to YOU! Jeremiah 33:3 says, "Come to me and I will show great and mighty things which you do not know!" This is an invitation from God to learn what is on his heart!

Truth #1 gives us permission to receive all His love for us, and Truth #2 shows us how powerful it is to know God wants to share with us what is on His heart!

Read John 16:12-15

God so longs for you to know Him that He gave the Holy Spirit to help you!

Truth #3:

God set you up with the best Helper to spend time in His presence!

God didn't just leave you to figure this whole thing out, but he sent his Spirit to you to help you connect with God. Your spirit connects with His Spirit and you get downloads from heaven!

If you have ever been on a first date, you can understand how it is sometimes to spend time with somebody you don't know very well... sometimes, when we are not used to spending time with God it can feel awkward, but the more we do, the more our heart and spirit long to be with Him.

Practice Time in God's Presence:

1. Acknowledge that He is already with you and is excited you are !!
2. Let your mind focus on Truth #1 - and let your heart receive His heart for you
3. After some time, then focus on Truth #2. Allow your heart to be overwhelmed with who God is. Perhaps an aspect of Him will stick out to you (like He is merciful)... then just focus on that part of Him.
4. After some time, either speak out, or write down what you got from your time focusing on Truth #1, and #2.

* *Recommendation: Study "The Importance of God Word" next :)*