Daily Fellowship with God

The greatest need in our lives as disciples of the Lord Jesus is to have fellowship with God. The evidence of the Holy Spirit in our lives comes from God and is entirely dependent on Him. Just as we need air to breathe every moment in order to remain alive, so it is only in direct, living communication with God that our spiritual lives can be strong.

You will remember that in the desert the manna of one day had rotted when the next day came. Every day I must have fresh grace from heaven and I obtain it only as I wait upon God Himself. Begin each day waiting in God's presence and letting Him touch you.

Let the first action in your "devotions" be settling yourself still before God in prayer and worship. Perhaps you like to sing praise songs. Everything depends on God taking the central place. We must learn to quietly bow before Him in humble faith and adoration. God is near. God is love. He longs to communicate with us. God, the Almighty One, who works all in all so thoroughly, is even now waiting to work in us and make Himself known to us.

Take time until you know that God is very near. When you have given God His place, the place of honour, glory and power, take your place of lowliness and seek to be filled with the spirit of humility. As a creature, our role is to be as nothing because it is a very great blessing when God is everything to us. As sinners we are not worthy to look up to God, but as a believer, let God's love overwhelm you as you are bowing down! As you bow low before the Lord Jesus in humility, meekness, patience and surrender before His goodness and mercy, He will lift you up. So take time to get very low before the Lord Jesus.

Now you are ready to accept and value your place in the Lord Jesus. God the Father's supreme delight is in His beloved Son and the Holy Spirit. As you delight to worship and praise Him, you will be able to share with others how deeply thrilled you are to know the Lord Jesus and how thankful you are to enter into God's presence with boldness because that boldness comes from the blood and life that the Lord Jesus gave for us. This gives us the assurance that God is very pleased with us and we have access into the very heart and love of God. This is why God created us – to have fellowship with Him. Let us long for more of God in our lives and that God may see the Lord Jesus being formed in us.

The Lord Jesus is a living person. He loves you with a personal love and He looks every day for the personal love in your heart. Look into His face, till His love really shines into your heart. Make His heart glad by telling Him you love Him. He offers Himself to you as your personal Saviour and Keeper from the power of sin. You can be kept from sinning against Him if you keep very close to Him.

We not only have the life of the Lord Jesus as a power and His presence with us as a person, but His likeness is being formed in us! This means that His likeness can be seen in us! As you read this, thank God for the greatness and blessedness of the work that Father God is going to do in your life **today**. Say something like, *"Father, here I am for You to give me as much of the likeness of the Lord Jesus as I can receive."* You will probably hear Him reply, *"My dear child, I will give you as much of the life and power of the Lord Jesus as your heart is open to receive."* God who revealed Himself in the Lord Jesus will, as you receive Him, perfect His work in you. You can count on the fact that this great work will be done in you as you wait in God's presence and have fellowship with Him.

The likeness of the Lord Jesus is seen chiefly in two things – likeness to His death and likeness to His resurrection, ***"If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly be united with Him in His resurrection."*** (Rom. 6:5)

The death of the Lord Jesus consists mainly of two things in terms of our lives. His death was a final demonstration of His life of humility and obedience – everything given to God. As we die to ourselves, in Him we are dead to sin. As we sink down in humility and dependence and in entire

surrender to God, the great power of His death works in us and we are conformed to His death and so we know Him in the power of His resurrection, in victory over sin and we experience all the joy and power of His resurrection life.

So every morning present yourself to God as those who are “alive from the dead”. He is very well able to maintain the life He has given you and to pour out on you all the grace you need to live as “one risen from the dead”!

All this can only be done in the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells in you. Trust Him to glorify the Lord Jesus in you. Trust the Lord Jesus to increase the flow of His Holy Spirit. As you wait in God’s presence, you will experience the Holy Spirit revealing to you the things of God.

Meditate on our wonderful salvation and seek full fellowship with our wonderful, great and Holy God. As you wait for Him to further reveal the Lord Jesus to you, you will feel how very needful it is to give up everything to receive Him.

Only the Holy Spirit can teach you what further yielding of the whole of your life to God can mean. Wait on God to show you what you do not yet know, but need to know. Let your approach to God in prayer, every request for fellowship with Him, be accompanied by a definite surrender to Him to work in you.

All this is “by faith”. As you wait in God’s presence, do so with a deep, quiet faith in Him who, is so very near, yet He is so holy, so mighty and so loving. It is in that deep, restful faith that all the blessing, the power and the insight of the heavenly life will begin to saturate you. Just yield yourself in a faith of perfect trust in each person of the Trinity to work out **all** God’s purposes in you and through you to the people you have been sent to. God will be all in all to you.