

In His Presence Part 2

Module 10

Overview: On Earth, the most intimate of natural relationships is a marriage. This is true both in the physical and in the spiritual for the two become one in the flesh (Matt 19:6) and one with the Lord. As wonderful as marriage can be, it is a poor earthly reflection of the unity and intimacy which God desires to have with each of us. Eph 3:19 makes it clear that this desire is for us to be filled with the fulness of God.

A. Intimate Fellowship with God.

- 1. The fire of first love.
 - Rev 2:4 Nevertheless I have [somewhat] against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.
 - Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent.
 - Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.
 - Rev 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. v16 So because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.
- 2. Agape love is a decision and an action.
 - Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.
- 3. The unity of love.
 - Joh 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I [am] in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. Joh 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, [art] in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.
 - Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

B. Sowing Fellowship.

- 1. Become friends with Jesus by dying to self and sin.
 - Joh 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it brings forth much fruit.
 - Joh 12:25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.
 - Joh 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
 - Joh 15:14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. v15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.
- 2. Be set apart for Jesus.
 - 1Pe 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.
 - Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.
 - 1Pe 2:9 But ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar **people**; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
 - Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. v18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.
 - Joh 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.



3. Living in the Glory.

Joh 17:15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

Joh 17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Joh 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

Joh 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Eph 5:25 even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself **a glorious church**, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

- C. Specific steps for moving deeper into His Presence.
 - 1. Draw nigh unto God and healing will draw nigh unto you.

Jam 4:8 (KJV) Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse [your] hands, [ye] sinners; and purify [your] hearts, [ye] double minded.

Jam 4:8 (AMPC) Come close to God and He will come close to you. [Recognize that you are] sinners, get your soiled hands clean; [realize that you have been disloyal] wavering individuals with divided interests, and purify your hearts [of your spiritual adultery].

James 4:8 (NLT) Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for <u>your loyalty is divided between God and the world.</u>

Deu 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe [and] to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

Deu 28:2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

2. Have an attitude of commitment and success.

I will be here when Jesus returns and if I have to change every thing to do that, then I will. Psa 118:17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

1Th 4:17 I shall be alive [and] remain to meet the Lord in the air:

Matt 11:12 (AMPC) I gain the promises with ardent zeal and intense exertion.

3. Develop and maintain a Fellowship Plan.

Hab 2:2 And the LORD answered me, and said, write the vision, and make [it] plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

a) Plan your work and work your plan.

Create an overall Prayer Plan; include the prayers, daily steps, growth path and goals. Have a prayer book including ABC prayers and lists of people for whom you are praying.

b) Bring your body under subjection.

Fast on a regular basis e.g., once per week.

1 Co 9:27 But I keep under my body, and bring [it] into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Have an eating plan – "small meals five times per day" is a very good plan; balance carbohydrates and protein; drink 8 glasses of water daily.

Exercise at least 3 times per week for 20 minutes or more; start with stretching.

c) Moderation in everything.

Personal likes and dislikes – You cannot rely on your likes and dislikes. The loudest voice in your head is almost always from the devil. How loud are your likes and dislikes?