

Personal Time with God

Relational God

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness (Genesis 1:26a)

Questions to Ponder

1. Why is it important to have a personal time with God?
2. Did Christ have a personal time with God?
3. How can I have a personal time with God?

Characteristics of God

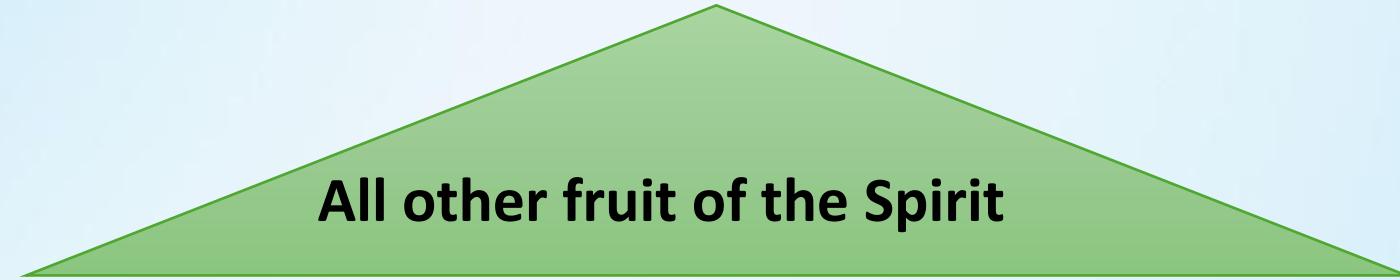
- He's eternal
- He's self-existing
- He enjoys relationship within Himself (God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit)
- He enjoys relationship with His creation

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son
of man that you care for him? Psalm 8:3-4



¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13



⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Hebrews 11:6

⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5:5

Why is it important for you to have a personal time with God?

➤ **Because God is love, He wants you to know and respond to His love**

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, **because God is love.**

1 John 4:7-8

Why is it important for you to have a personal time with God?

➤ **Because God is love, He wants you to know His love through a relationship with Jesus Christ**

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

➤ **Because God is love, He longs for your return home**

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” Revelation 21:3-4

Did Christ have a personal time with God?

- In His earthly ministry, Christ did nothing without God

²⁸ So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. ²⁹ And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.”

John 8:28-29

- He demonstrated this relationship through prayer – Matthew 14:23; Luke 6:12-13
- He demonstrated this relationship through obedience leading to His death – John 10:15
- He demonstrated this relationship by preaching about the Kingdom of God – Matthew 4:17
- Because of His obedience unto death for our salvation, God has made Him Lord and King – Daniel 7:13-14, Philippians 2:9-11

How can I have a personal time with God?

➤ It begins with a relationship

²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. ²¹ For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Psalm 33:20-21

➤ Love God to hate your sins

¹⁷ For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever before me. ¹⁸ I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin. Psalm 38:17-18

It's rebellion not to have unreserved commitment for Jesus Christ as your Lord and King

- religious rebel
- wealthy rebel
- intellectual rebel
- systemic rebel
- cowardice rebel
- faithless rebel

²⁶ “**Y**ou must be like children,” he said. “²⁷ The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” ²⁸ “I tell you the truth,” Jesus said, “unless you turn and become like children, you will **never** enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 18:3

Luke 14:26-27

How can I have a personal time with God?

➤ Be intentional to make time to engage with God via:

- Prayer
- Meditation
- Personal and corporate bible study and bible reading
- Fellowshipping with the saints
- Abounding in good works
- Immersing yourself in a godly atmosphere
- Having godly mindset

11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"
Genesis 39:9b

Conclusion

- God is love
- Christ has demonstrated God's love to us through obedience by sacrificing His life in place of ours (atonement)
- God has exalted Christ as Lord and King over His Kingdom
- Personal time with God through Christ begins with a relationship
- To accept or not is a personal choice but comes with a price

Let's pray ...