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TOPIC: DEEPENING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

TEXT: JOHN 15:4-5, JAMES 4:8

INTRODUCTION: We are still on our series of 'KNOWING GOD'. Understanding the nature of God, developing a relationship with him, and the characteristics of such a relationship, is a prelude to how we can deepen and sustain our relationship with God. In the review of the nature of God, we looked at God's attributes, His word and sovereignty. To develop a relationship with God, we studied the importance of seeking God and knowing Him personally, building faith and trust, and communicating with God and prayers. The characteristics of our relationship with God, highlighted our experience of God's love and mercy, wisdom and knowledge, and how to demonstrate our love for God through obedience and submission. Today, we are moving on to look at how we can deepen this relationship with GOD. Our relationship with God should not be on the basis of 'touch and go', or 'Ask, get and move on'. God created us for His good pleasure. Eph.1:5; Rev.4:11; Phil.2:13. Our life is to give God pleasure always. And to have constant fellowship with Him. Gen. 3:8

Outline 1. Studying the Scriptures: Importance of Studying the Scriptures: 2Tim.3:15-16; Ps.119:11,49-50; 2Peter 3:18; John 6:63; Heb.4:12; Ps.138:2b.

There is no better way to knowing God deeply than through His word. The word of God, is God. John1:1. We cannot separate God from His word, John 15:7; if you abide in the Lord and His word..., To grow in the knowledge of God and our Lord Jesus Christ, we need the word, 2Peter 3:18, Lk.8:11. The Word of God is quick and powerful. Heb.4:12. God honors His word above His name, Ps.138:2b. The word of God is our compass through which we can navigate our Christian journey, 2Tim.3:15-19, Ps.119:11,49-50. Joshua 1:8. God speaks to us daily as we study the word, Ps.119:105, 130, Mat.4:4. The word builds up our faith, Rom.10:17. And our faith helps us to walk worthy of the Lord, Col.1:10; Heb.11:6. Every word of God is pure... Prov.30:5, and true, 1Thess.2:13. Hence, the bible clearly reminds us to study the word of God, 2Tim.2:15.

Outline 2. Pursuing God: Jam.4:8, Draw nigh to God and He will draw high to you..., Jer.9:23-24, Ps.42:1-3.

As we diligently seek God, we shall find Him. Prov.8:17, Prov.7:17. In Deut.4:29; Jer.29:13, we are to seek God with all our hearts. We are to seek God, while he may be found, Is.55:6. The Lord will satisfy those who seek him, for he will not withhold anything good from them, Ps.34:10; Ps.84:11; Mat.6:33. God rewards those who diligently seek Him, Heb.11:6. As we seek God, we find knowledge, Prov.2:5. It is easier to keep God's commandments, when we are pursuing God, Ps.119:10.

How do we pursue God? Rom.12:1-2, 11-12, working and walking in the will of God. We are to pursue God by faith, otherwise, we will fall, Rom.9:32, Heb.11:6. Seek God constantly, day and night, it is not a once in a while affair, 1Chron.16:11. Joshua 1:8. We are to seek God early, Prov.8:17. Our pursuit of God, will change our focus, our affection will be on things above, Col.3:1-2.

Therefore, we can pursue God through His word, service, worship, prayers and communication, Col.3:23. Our goal is to live a life pleasing to God, Col.1:10; Gal.1:10; Ps.84:3-5. Our song should be "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of God," Ps.122:1. With the help of the Holy Spirit, that dwells in us, Rom.8:11, we shall continually abide in Him and He in us. Amen.

Outline 3: Trust and Dependence: Prov. 3:5-7

The will of God concerning us that He will be Our God and we, His people, Jer.31:33; Ezek.36:28; Heb.8:10; etc. When God made this declaration, His intention was to bless His people so much that the nations around them would become envious. God's wish, is to cater for all our needs, physical, spiritual, material etc. 1Pet.5:7. As we call upon him, he promised to answer us, Ps.50:15; Ps.91:15. Thus, when the Israelites demanded for a king, in 1Sam.8:7, God considered it to be a rejection of His rule over them. Prov.3:3-5, says that we are to trust and depend on God with all our hearts, and in all our ways. Our trust in the Lord should be at all times, Ps62:8; and forever, Is.26:4. When we fail to depend on God, we simply replacing the **Almightiness** of God for our limited strength, knowledge and power.

When we trust in God, victory is assured, Ps.25:2, Ps.35:5. Fear and anxiety is taken away, Ps.112:7, Ps.125:1. Is.41:10. God's help is guaranteed, Ps.20: 1-2,7; Ps.28:7, Ps.33:20. In Ps.18:2. He shows Himself mighty, a fortress, a deliverer, and strengthens us, Ps.46:1. Ps.115:9. He will help and shield us. He grants salvation to all who trust in Him, 2Sam.22:3. The love and mercy of God encompass us, Ps.32:10. John 3:16; Rom,5:8; John 15:13.

CONCLUSION

Trust in God and obedience to His word will guarantee us a fulfilled life in the Lord, Ps.37:3. Jer.17:7. Like the song goes. "...for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey". To deepen our relationship with God, we have to continually maintain the characteristics of the relationship. This can be achieved through consistent study of the word, diligently pursue God, seeking Him through our service, worship, deepening our knowledge of Him, and absolute trust, dependence and submission to His will. Trusting that His will is for our good. Rom.8:28, Jer. 29:11, 3John 2.

The first step in displaying your trust in God is by giving your life to Jesus Christ. John3:16-17. To become a child of God. John1:12.