



Our Personal Walk with the Lord

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*But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror
the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same
image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.*

2 Corinthians 3:18

O to taste the goodness of the Lord,
Satisfying hunger in my heart.
O to feed on manna from above:
Strength divine the Spirit shall impart.

O to know the presence of the Lord;
O to taste, to hear, to feel, to see.
O to know the presence of the Lord,
Knowing Christ in full reality.

(John & Mary Van Gelderen, *Knowing Christ*)

I. *What is to characterize our relationship to the Lord?*

A. Moses

1. **Deuteronomy 30:16** “... *I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the Lord your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it.*

_____ **GOD,** _____ **HIM.**

2. Deuteronomy 30:14 *But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it.*

GOD’S WORD IS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU LOVE and OBEY.

B. Joshua

1. Joshua 23:11 *So take diligent heed to yourselves to love the Lord your God.*

_____ **GOD.**

2. Joshua 23:14 *Now behold, today I am going the way of all the earth, and you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one word of all the good words which the Lord your God spoke concerning you has failed; all have been fulfilled for you, not one of them has failed.*

GOD’S WORDS WERE FULFILLED.

C. David to Solomon

1. 1 Chronicles 28:9 *As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him . . .*

_____ **GOD,** _____ **HIM WHOLE-HEARTEDLY,** _____ **HIM.**

2. 1 Kings 2:3 *Keep the charge of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies, according to what is written in the Law of Moses, that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn.*

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D. Jesus (when asked about the greatest commandment) responded:

1. Matthew 22:37 . . . *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.*”

_____ **GOD WITH ALL YOUR BEING.**

2. John 14:15 *“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”*

LOVE FOR GOD RESULTS IN _____.

II. How do we grow to love God? We must know Him.

Where do we turn to know Him? We look to His Word.

From weariness of sin I turn
at last, O Lord, to Thee,
My eyes and heart grown dim
from looking long on vanity.
I venture toward Thy radiance then,
compelled to come by grace,
And in the pages of Thy Word
behold Thy lovely face.

Each grace in all its fullness
on Thy countenance I see.
Great tenderness of mercy,
blazing light of purity.
Thine eyes are wells of love and wisdom,
settled peace Thy brow.
Before the whole of perfect beauty,
I in worship bow.

O Christ, as I behold Thee,
change my face to be like Thine.
May Thy compassion soften me;
may love for souls be mine.
As Thou didst trust Thy Father,
so may I from day to day.
May holiness like Thine
be ever shaping me, I pray.

When someday I before Thee stand,
a debtor to Thy grace,
And gaze with heaven's eyes
upon the brightness of Thy face,
Transformed into Thy likeness,
all my sin thrust far away,
With millions of redeemed ones,
I will lift my voice and say:

Refrain:

Face of glory, turned upon me,
I cannot but Thee adore.
To behold Thee, O my Savior,
is to love Thee more and more.

(Eileen Berry, *To Behold Him*)

2 Corinthians 3:18 *But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.*

Jeremiah 24:7 *I will give them a heart to know Me, for I am the Lord; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with their whole heart.*

2 Peter 1:2-3 *Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.*

Philippians 2:13 *for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*

The depth of our relationship to God's Word has everything to do with our relationship to God. It is the surest means we have to put our ears to the lips of God and hear His voice.

III. What does the Scripture do for us?

Psalm 19:7-11 The Scripture converts the soul, gives wisdom, sets a right path that leads to joy, enlightens our eyes, warns us, and is the path to reward.

A. It Builds our Faith in the Unseen

Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

B. It Equips Us for Every Good Work

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

1. The Bible renews our thinking: teaching (3:16)
2. The Bible exposes our wrong: reproof (3:16)
3. The Bible adjusts our paths: correction (3:16)

Proverbs 16:25 There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

4. The Bible guides ongoing obedience: training in righteousness (3:16)

C. It Gives Understanding

Proverbs 9:10 *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*

Psalm 119:130 *The unfolding of Your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.*

D. It Gives Wisdom

Ephesians 1:15-17 *I . . . do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayer; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.*

E. It Gives Joy

Jeremiah 15:16a *Your words were found and I ate them, And Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart.*

F. It Keeps Us Pure

Psalm 119:9 *How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word.*

G. It Gives Victory Over Sin

Psalm 119:11 *Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.*

H. It Gives Reviving

Psalm 119:25 *My soul cleaves to the dust; Revive me according to Your word.*

I. It Gives Strength and Comfort

Psalm 119:28 *My soul weeps because of grief; strengthen me according to Your word.*

J. It Gives Light to Our Path

Psalm 119:105 *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

K. It Gives Counsel

Psalm 119:24 *Your testimonies also are my delight; they are my counselors. (the men of my counsel)*

L. It Discerns Our Thoughts and Intentions

Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

M. It Transforms Us

Romans 12:2 . . . *Be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Isaiah 55:11 *So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.*

IV. How should we respond to Scripture?

Colossians 3:16a *Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you. . . .*

“Our minds should be a tablet where the Word of God is written.” – John MacArthur

James 1:23-25 *For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.*

A. Meditate on It

Joshua 1:8 *This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.*



B. Esteem It to be Right

Psalm 119:128 *Therefore I esteem right all Your precepts concerning everything, I hate every false way.*

C. Observe It – Obey

Psalm 119: 69b *With all my heart I will observe Your precepts.*

D. Delight in It

Psalm 119:24a *Your testimonies also are my delight.*

E. Treasure It

Job 23:12 *I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.*

F. Love It

Psalm 119:97 *O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.*

G. Long for It

Psalm 119:20 *My soul is crushed with longing after Your ordinances at all times*

H. Run to It

Psalm 119:32 *I shall run the way of Your commandments, for You will enlarge my heart.*

I. Cling to it

Psalm 119:31 *I cling to Your testimonies; O Lord, do not put me to shame!*

J. Choose It

Luke 10:42 *but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.*

*Scripture
is provided
so that every aspect
of my being is made right.
The Bible's mission
is not accomplished
if the reader is not changed.*
**THE BIBLE ALTERS
PEOPLE!**

v. *How can a mother give the Word a rich dwelling?*

- A. Humbly acknowledge my deep need to know God through His Word. He wants my needs exposed in motherhood to drive me to Him.
- B. Ask God to grow in me a heart to know God in all my ways . . . even in the harried days of motherhood.
- C. Cultivate discipline to seek God.
- In planned time in the Word and prayer
 - In seeing God's Hand in the "mundane"
 - In realistic expectations (not leniency, but reality)
 - In buying up the little moments
 - Find ways to help you meditate on God's Words all day.
- C. Maximize listening to sermons – go away prepared to feed on those truths in the following days. Write verses out to post, memorize, listen to the Scripture, listen to Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.
- E. Consider:
. . . that a day never need be considered fully lost.
. . . the need to resist the temptation to believe God doesn't understand.