

MEETING WITH GOD

1. Introduction

“Every one that is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him; yes, I have made him.” (Isaiah 43:7.)

“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or what ever you do, do all to the glory of God.” (I Corinthians 10:31)

We glorify God through our faith (trust).

We glorify God through our love for him.

We glorify God through our desire to obey Him.

We glorify God through our desire to know Him.

A person will never be satisfied until they fulfill the purpose for which they were born: to please God by faith.

2. Faith (Hebrews 11:6) *“But 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 diligently seek Him.”*

a. We read about faith **everywhere** in the Bible

b. Let’s consider the meaning of the word **trust**, which is synonymous with the word **believing** and **faith**.

c. “Faith is believing the Word of God, and acting upon it, no matter how I feel, because God promises a good result.”

d. God created us for Himself – to fellowship with Him
(Col.1:16 created for Him) (I Cor.1:9 and I John 1:3) (Adam & Eve walked with God)

e. Why faith is so important to God.

God knows that people who really believe in Him, come to Him. And that people who don’t believe in Him, don’t come to Him. This is why God is pleased by faith. He wants us to come to Him. He wants to have fellowship with us.

f. Believe that God is. This means that you have to believe that God really does exist.

g. We need to believe in God for who He really is. You may have wrong views about God.

h. We will not come to God if we doubt His existence.

3. Learning Levels

a. Rote: Memorize information

b. Recognition: Recognize information

c. Restatement: Restating information

d. Relation: Understanding the information and how it relates to ones life

e. Realization: Understanding the information and how it relates to ones life and then responding

4. Two forms of Education (How we think)

- a. Greek: Information, memorizing, repeating
- b. Hebrew: Living out the truth learned

5. Thinking differently – The Bible is a Spiritual book

a. God's Word is alive (Hebrews 4:12)

- 1. This is God's message – God has said things He wants us to know
- 2. This is God speaking – it is the living word of the living God
- 3. Claims to be alive – *“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are Spirit, and they are life.”* (John 6:63)

b. From childhood unable to speak –

c. Meeting with God - Proverbs 3:5-6. *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.”*

You might respond, “Lord, help me to trust and depend on You more and not to think I have all the answers. Help me to talk to You about everything in my life. Thank you that you will show me the right ways to go and the right things to do.”

d. Thinking outside of academics -

6. Teach to have a two-way conversation with God

a. Respond – “send back” to God

b. Personally -

c. Correctly -

7. Using Questions to respond to God

- a. “Is there a promise to claim?”
- b. “Is there a sin to avoid?”
- c. “Is there a warning to heed?”
- g. “Is there a command to obey?”
- e. “Is there a good example to follow?”
- f. “Is there a bad example to shun?”
- g. “Is there a new thought about God the Father?”
- h. “Is there a new thought about God the Son?”
- i. “Is there a new thought about God the Holy Spirit?”

Psalms 111:1-4

PRAISE the LORD!

I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart,
In the assembly of the upright and *in* the congregation.

The works of the LORD *are* great,
Studied by all who have pleasure in them.

His work *is* honorable and glorious,
And His righteousness endures forever.

He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;
The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

"For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."

Luke 9:23-26

Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

"For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

"For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?

"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His *own* glory, and *in His* Father's, and of the holy angels.

"But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God."

Mark 10:13-16

Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought *them*.

But when Jesus saw *it*, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.

"Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

And He took them up in His arms, laid *His* hands on them, and blessed them.

Luke 11:2

Then He said to them, "The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Matthew 6:19-24

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

“but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

“The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.”

“But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!”

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”