

Know True Love in the Place of Prayer

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*“...fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.
...that your joy may be full.” 1 John 1:3-4 NKJV*



Maintaining distance from the place of prayer, whether mental or physical, creates a drought of the soul. We often don't realize why our earthly endeavors won't satisfy, leaving our thirsts unquenched and hunger unfulfilled. I know that I have tried unwittingly to satisfy my inward longing to feel satisfied. No matter how worthy the attempt, I always come away knowing that I have created a counterfeit, a mirage if you will.

Why do we abstain from the place of surrender? Why do we starve ourselves of God's bounty? Why are we satisfied with earthbound weakness? The place of prayer quenches our every thirst and satisfies the gnawing concerns that rob us of His true life.

Even in our self-absorbed weakness, our heavenly Father beckons us to come and eat at His banqueting table. Submitting our will to His, we exchange our smallness for His greatness. When we choose to rise into His heavenly realm, our horizons are broadened before us, allowing us to see beyond the confines of the small world we create. Our ascent to the high places enables us to see as He sees, and through Him, we reign, and He reigns.

Are you weak from prayerlessness? Wrestle with God in prayer. Are you alone and with little assurance? Leave the outer court and enter the Holy of Holies. Is your walk with God shallow and tainted with doubts and fears? Lean upon Jesus' bosom and hear His heartbeat—know Him like no other. Is your vision cast down with no joy and little hope? Fellowship with Jesus and know His eternal hope and dance with His joy.

Genuine soul-searching is following a path to the prayer closet, where the innermost workings of the soul are laid bare, not for condemnation but redemption to God's highest and best. The place of prayer is for all comers, from the most pious saint to the lowly of heart, seeking refuge. Do not fear an encounter with visions of an angry God. Do not entertain being sifted by God's judgment, instead know that God adores you as a well-loved child—He is a good Father. So, dear reader, seek the place of abiding with Him in the secret place; there you will know true love, love that satisfies every hunger and every thirst.—Ω

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Heavenly Father, You are amazing in wonder; You are breathtaking in splendor. You are worthy of all praise and worship! Thank You for saving me from the drought of pursuing false hopes. Thank You that I have found in You all the riches of Your banqueting table. Thank You for saving me from gnawing concerns and for giving me true Life. LORD, help me to leave the outer court and boldly enter the Holy of Holies, right into Your presence where I find peace, purpose and joy. Help me lean upon Jesus' bosom and hear His heartbeat; Help me fellowship with Jesus and know His eternal hope and dance with His joy. LORD, I come to You as a well-loved child, knowing You are a good Father. I desire to dwell in the secret place under the shadow of Your wings, there I will know You like no other, where You satisfy my every hunger and every thirst with springs of Living water. I ask this in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

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