
The Joy of Seeking God Alone

God alone brings satisfaction
to the human spirit!

To those who have never known
the joy of seeking God for Himself
alone and giving Him joy,
what loss is theirs
. . . though they know it not.

Those praying never know
prayer's depths,
who never persevere
in seeking God alone.

Seeking with blessing is only
for those who persist.

Those who seek God alone
without limit may sometimes
know the joy of tears streaming
down the face, soaking the clothing.

Words may be few, silence frequent.

To seek for something
other than God,
is to lose the sweet fellowship
that may sometimes be known
while seeking God alone.

Then He convinced me that I must
want Him for Himself alone. I doubled
my time alone with Him again. And He
brought the ministries I had conducted
for fifteen years to an end.

NOW IT'S HIM AND HIS

And I praise Him that He alone is all I
need. And I seek Him morning by
morning for Himself alone, not His
gifts. And now I watch Him work on my
behalf as it pleases Him. Not when or
the way I want.

And if what I need today is temporal
deprivation and suffering so that I may
reap eternal and spiritual benefit, I
want to hug that to my breast as His
good gift to me today.

And I want never to neglect Him
again, but to have my greatest joy in
loving and worshiping Him who loved
me and gave Himself for me.

How about you?

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After entering the ministry I tried for years to spend some time most days in prayer or Bible reading. Occasionally these times were protracted, often brief, sometimes not at all.

A HISTORY OF FRUSTRATION

I knew prayer, as I had been taught as a child, as simply asking God for what I wanted.

As I began to face tougher and tougher circumstances, prayer time became worry time.

And when I read a book by a widely known Christian author in which she reported that she hadn't time to be alone with God, so she simply prayed as she went about her daily household chores, I decided that was for me. My excuse was that praying on my knees was too much a routine at which I even sometimes went to sleep!

I had tried "moving mountains" through prayer. But they most often stayed right where they were. So my "service" became more important to me than my prayers. Because from this I could see at least some results.

This didn't mean I didn't love God and want to please Him. I did. But I was spiritually frustrated.

A PERIOD OF NEGLECT

My prayer life was of limited value; and for years, as a time apart, I neglected it, praying largely only as I went about my daily work.

Then I saw this to be wrong. And I started taking at least two and a half hours a week - a half hour Monday to Friday with weekends usually off. I would often walk and pray, sometimes in the open air.

And I did watch God answer some of my specific prayers. And I did begin sometimes just to worship and praise and adore Him as I really knew I should.

FAILURE IN DEEPER LIFE

You see, you need to be aware that I had an excellent background in training and literature in regard to what was called the deeper life. And for one brief period I had especially pursued trying to find this intimate walk with God that I was told was my right - only to become discouraged and give it up.

That was many years earlier. Then there came the time after all of this that I was facing financial catastrophe, not for the first time. But this time I doubled my half hour to an hour and expected God to meet the financial needs I begged of Him.

“WAIT”

Instead He told me to stop begging, leave all my temporal needs with Him, and just wait on Him in rest and peace, love and worship and expectation. I anticipated, as I sought to obey, that He would supply the financial need as I saw it to be. Instead the financial situation continued to deteriorate.

To “have to”. . . To have to do, to have to accomplish, even to have to be . . . is to reduce the seeking.

Even to have to feel that we've found the God that is sought, may be to stop the seeking and its joy.

Could it be that many of God's own blood-bought people have never known the bliss of being truly alone with God in such sweet communion, just because they've never persisted in pursuing Him in love?

To seek God is not seek to know something about Him. It is not to seek to experience Him. It is not to seek to fellowship with Him. That will come uninvited.

Just to seek Him alone with nothing added, that is enough. It is its own joy inexpressible.

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