

Wonder

I. Prayer Is God's Gracious Invitation To Conversation - Friendship

- a. The God who sculpted mountains and holds galaxies in His hand has invited you into conversation.

(Psalm 145:18 NASB) "The Lord is near to all who call on Him, To all who call on Him in truth."

(Revelation 3:20 NASB) "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me."

- b. God doesn't want you to do stuff for Him. He wants to be with you. The Father sent His son to embrace your sin, unto a loving friendship.

(John 15:15 NASB) "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, because all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you."

II. Beholding Beauty – Proximity

- a. The creatures closest to God can't stop staring at His glory. They behold Him. They declare who He is. And they never grow bored.

(Revelation 4:8 NASB) "And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."

- b. As we learn to behold His beauty, we get closer to God. The closer we get, the more obsessed we become. And obsession with Him and His ways is where enjoyable prayer begins.

(Psalm 27:4 NASB) "One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord And to meditate in His temple."

III. Wisdom & Revelation – Sustainment

- a. Jesus wanted to be with us, but He chose to leave anyway. Why? Because the Holy Spirit would do something His physical presence couldn't: unveil the fullness of who Jesus is. The Spirit takes the infinite Christ and reveals Him personally, intimately, to each of us.

(John 16:7 NASB) "But I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I am leaving; for if I do not leave, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you."

(1 Corinthians 2:10-12 NASB) "For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. 11 For who among people knows the thoughts of a person except the spirit of the person that is in him? So also the thoughts of God no one knows, except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God."

- b. A transformative prayer that sustains wonder is found in **Ephesians 1:17-19**, and it's simple: ask God for the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so you can know Him better. Pray this every time you start your prayer time. Let the Spirit do what only He can do: unveil Jesus and ignite wonder in your heart.

(Ephesians 1:17-19 NASB) "[I pray] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you [me] a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. 18 I pray that the eyes of your [my] heart may be enlightened, so that you [I] will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the boundless greatness of His power toward us who believe."