

SINGLE ALLIANCE

Knowing God- Pt. 3- Intimacy with God

I. Delighting in the Lord

A. **Ps. 37:4-** **Delight yourself** in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart.

1. Delight- to luxuriate; to comfort yourself
2. When we face the uncomfortable things of life, what do we do and where do we go? Where we go for comfort will have influence over us.
3. If we will delight ourselves in the Lord, then He will satisfy the desires of our heart and have influence over us.

B. **Son. 1:2-** Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth-- For **your love is better than wine.**

1. The Lord's love is better than wine.
2. Wine speaks of comfort and rejoicing in the Bible. People in bible times turned to wine to comfort and enjoy themselves.
3. Wine speaks of what we turn to comfort ourselves. What we turn to in order to comfort ourselves will control us. Alcoholics have turned to drink to comfort themselves. This is true of any other thing people are addicted to. This could be anything from drugs, sex, or what seems harmless like T.V. or shopping.
4. God's love is better than wine. God's love will never enslave you or hurt you. It will set you free and better you!
5. The Lord wants to pour His love on us. We must allow the Lord to kiss us with the kisses of His mouth!
 - a. **with the kisses of his mouth-** Each scripture which speaks of what Jesus has done for us and given to us is a kiss from His mouth. The Scriptures are God breathed from His mouth.
 - b. when we come to God in worship and praise, the Lord will communicate His love to us.
6. **Son. 1:4-** **I will remember your love more than wine**
 - a. An alcoholic does not easily forget his wine. He thinks about drinking all the time.
 - b. We need to become addicted to God's love and presence, so that we do not forget it!

II. Intimacy with the Lord

A. God created us for intimacy

1. Intimacy is "**into me see**"
2. We cannot have a healthy relationship with God or others without intimacy. This means you allow someone to see what is in your heart.
3. The Lord always sees into our heart, but He wants us to open up our hearts to Him. This is for our benefit and not God's.

B. Men usually have trouble with intimacy. Many think intimacy is a female word or subject. It is a human word and a human subject! Matter of fact intimacy for most people, men and women, is difficult for them. Opening up yourself and feelings can be intimidating for men. However, men, you cannot have a good marriage without it! Where you practice intimacy is with God! Your relationship with God is practice ground for marriage!

C. **Psa 62:8** Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; **God is a refuge for us**. Selah

1. The key to intimacy is trust. God is the one person we can absolutely trust with our hearts. We can trust Him at all times. Every person can trust Him with their hearts.
2. The Lord wants us to pour out the contents of our heart before Him. Often we do not know all that is in our hearts until we pour it out before the Lord and have a look see.
3. Most people do not regularly pour their hearts out to anyone. They usually just stuff everything and try to forget it. This poisons one's heart and life. We must learn to pour out our hearts.

D. **David was a man after God's heart**

1. I believe David was so close to God because he regularly poured his heart out to Him. If we pour out our heart to God, He will always pour His heart out to us! What is in His heart is always better and greater than what is in our heart!
2. David poured out good stuff out of his heart
 - a. He poured out his love upon God
3. David poured out bad stuff out of his heart
 - a. **Ps. 55:15**- Let them go down into hell alive!
 - b. **Ps. 58:6**- Break their teeth O God!
 - c. **Ps. 88:14**- Why do you cast off my soul?
 - d. **Ps. 142:2**- Pour out his complaint
 - e. pouring out the bad stuff is like draining a wound of poison

E. Pouring out your heart is intimacy- into me see

1. God already sees into your heart but when you pour out your heart to God then **intimacy- into me see** becomes **into God see**. Once we pour out our heart before the Lord He is able to minister to us His healing, power, and truth. He pours His heart out to us!
2. There have been times that I have poured out my complaint to the Lord and as soon as I got it out of my mouth, then God has spoken to me about that situation- usually how I am guilty of the same thing!!

F. God wants us to communicate to Him with **ALL our heart**- not just intellect. He wants to hear the full range of our emotions!

G. Some think that when Jesus came he changed emotional prayer to quiet, reserved, intellectual prayer- Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name...

H. **Heb. 5:7**- In the **DAYS** of Jesus **FLESH**, he [Jesus] offered up prayers with loud cries and tears! This is not just speaking of the garden of Gethsemane! Notice the words **DAYS** of Jesus **FLESH**. This was how Jesus prayed- loud and full of emotion!

I. Some are afraid that if they shared their bad emotions with God that God will be angry because it will show lack of faith or be a bad confession. **NO!** God is the person to share your negative emotions with. You need to get the poison out before He can pour in the healing balm and His truth!

1. After David poured out the bad things out of his heart, God would minister to him and he would end his prayers in faith- God is my rock, salvation, I will not be afraid....

J. **Ps. 51:6**- It is time to get real with God- This is intimacy!

III. Closing

- A. This message will not be any good if you do not put it into practice in your personal prayer life! I cannot teach you to know God. I can teach you the knowledge of God. It is up to you to choose to get to know God and to be intimate with Him. You will never know God deeply without intimacy with Him.
- B. This is instructions for lab class! You must practice this in the test tube of your own human experience.
- C. If you will pour out your heart to God on a regular basis then God will pour out His heart to you!
- D. If you give God intimacy- **into me see** He will give you **into God see!**
- E. Prayer