

LONELINESS

There is a basic loneliness that people feel, something missing in their lives, that drives them into a walk with God. But after we begin to walk with God, there's another kind of loneliness we experience that we are unable to define. We find that Human relationships, and even our relationship to God is somehow not quite adequate and we find something missing.

When our spirit first comes alive unto God we experience first love, we are totally elated and our life takes on a whole new meaning and purpose. When God becomes real to us it opens up a whole new realm of existence. This is because what we are experiencing is our being filled with His Spirit.

The life of God is described as a river. It is something that is continually flowing. But we have to learn how to be continually filled with it. So our encounters with God begin to wear off, the life of God begins to drain out of us, leaving an emptiness.

When we are feeling this loneliness we begin to learn how to surround ourselves with the presence of God, we learn how to live in the word, and we begin to think God's thoughts with Him and commune with Him. It is a mystical and wonderful time. Hours will pass, and we would realize that we were totally unaware of the circumstances.

When we have tasted of the Lord and experienced the realm of his presence, the other things in our life no longer compare to what we experience when we are communing with the Lord.

We find that the relationships we have with other people also change. The friendships that we had when we were not saved begin to

change. It becomes hard to fellowship with people who are not saved. And those who are saved grow at different speeds and we may find that it is hard to fellowship with Christians that are not seeking more of the Lord. Even our marriages may begin to suffer because we find ourselves on different levels.

Being in a relationship with a man or woman is not the complete answer for this loneliness. It's only in our relationship to the Lord that we can find true fulfillment, and we cannot relate rightly with one another until we learn how to relate rightly with the Lord first.

Relationships fall short, not by divine intention but because we are on a limited plane. Our marriage will be better as we move into a spiritual plane. All our relationships will be better!

It is only as we enter into a oneness with the Lord that all loneliness will begin to disappear. Once we enter into this oneness we also need to be set in a body of believers, because our experiences in the lord are going to become collective experiences. The brethren (believers) that dwell together in that oneness; are like the precious anointing oil that ran down Aaron's beard, even to the hem of his garment (Psalms 133:2).

To enter fully into this oneness we have to experience our own personal cross. Salvation is two-fold, we are dying out to the human nature and taking on the divine nature. We are dying out to the things of this life, as we are entering into eternal life. We are dying out to the things that are passing away, and taking on more of the eternal.

The lord is seeking those who will worship him in spirit and in truth. The loneliness of a worshiper is something that we begin to experience. There is a loneliness that comes to an individual when they are reaching into a new level with God. They leave something behind. There is a

circumcision of heart that they go through. Something is cut away when we become a true worshiper of the Lord. When it first happens, there is a very lonely feeling.

One does not realize how comfortable and secure they feel when they have not all the money in the world, but they have some; not all the property in the world, but they have some; not all of the real security and success in the world, but they have a place. They have a few things, but suddenly they become a worshiper; and on that new level they watch God cut everything away.

They watch all their idols crash, splintered into a thousand pieces, because nothing can hold a place in their heart anymore except one thing—the Lord. When everything else becomes secondary then these things are added to us because they lose their importance.

A worshiper walks that lonely path until they come to the place where everything else is submissive to the Lord. From then on, anything God wants, He gets. It is all His. It is easy to say it, but not as easy to start walking that path as a worshiper, to start saying goodbye, to start letting go.

Our inheritance is the Lord, he will add all the other things to us that the gentiles seek but what he wants is a relationship with us. When we come into a relationship with the Lord everything is relational. Everything we experience has to do with our relationship with the lord.

The fact that the Lord makes provision for us means that He wants to share Himself with us. He does not merely want to give out blessings; He wants to convey Himself. He wants to transmit to us His own attributes and His own nature, because He wants fellowship with us.

Everything in heaven is alive. But there is loneliness in the heart of God that only we can satisfy. This is why he created us. We are the bride of Christ and when we begin to comprehend this we begin to learn the reality of what He desires to do in us.

It is very good that the stars can all sing, that the wind blowing through the trees can glorify God, that everything on the earth can come forth praising the Lord—but He wants something more. He wants someone who understands His heart, someone who loves Him, but human love does not exist on this plane. Therefore He has to re-create His people, giving them His nature, putting his love in them, putting His attribute of eternity in them, giving them eternal life.

As we continue following on to know the Lord we will find that God seems to hide himself from us, we experience a loneliness that only he can fulfill, what he is doing is drawing us into a deeper level with him. Deep is calling to deep, and if we will run after the lord we will find ourselves experiencing deeper and deeper encounters with God that we have not even believed was possible.