

WOMEN IN THE WORD

Of

FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH

“INTIMACY WITH GOD” by Cynthia Heald

PART THREE-----The Fruit of Intimacy

- 10—The Growth of Intimacy
- 11---Praise: The Expression of Intimacy
- 12---A Life of Deepening Intimacy

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LET’S REVIEW...

Lesson 1---The Desire for Intimacy

From our book: “This is true intimacy: confidence that what we reveal about ourselves will be understood and that the ONE to whom we disclose ourselves will accept us, seek our good, and communicate support and love.”

We need a “friend”. There is a “hole in our soul”. (Mark Carey)

Lesson 2---God’s Desire for Us

“Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God shouldst die for me!”

No greater love than a man would lay down His life for his Friends. (Jesus)

Lesson 3---God is Righteous

“Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty”

Righteousness and Justice go hand in hand.

Lesson 4---God is Trustworthy

“Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus”

We trust HIM because He IS trustworthy.

Lesson 5---God is a Refuge

HE is both shelter and protector and defender, sanctuary, a very present help in times of trouble.

Lesson 6---God is Responsive

He hears His people. The Shepherd knows His sheep.

He reaches out to us. He pursues us.

Lesson 7---Reverence for God

“awe” “fear” “respect” “honor”

From our book” “let God be as He is, majestic and holy, vast and wondrous”

Lesson 8---Truthfulness with God

God is truth. When we are truthful with Him, it is for our benefit.

Lesson 9---Love for God’s Word

This is how I get to know Him, through His story, His revelation of Himself.

Final Section is “The Fruit of Intimacy” And the chapter titles are (10) The Growth of Intimacy, (11) Praise the Expression of Intimacy and (12) A Life of Deepening Intimacy.

HOWEVER, we are going in a different direction. 😊

We have studied GOD ALMIGHTY REVEALED and OUR POSITION IN CHRIST.

These are very foundational studies. They are still available to you.

So now let’s talk about the HOLY SPIRIT.

What better example of “intimacy” can there be than that which exist between the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

There is much we can learn from this. So, let’s go to John 14:16-29 and following and see what Jesus tells us about the Holy Spirit.

JESUS is speaking to His disciples.....

"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, so that He may be with you forever; the Helper is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him; but you know Him because He remains with you and will be in you.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.

"After a little while, the world no longer is going to see Me, but you are going to see Me; because I live, you also will live.

"On that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I in you.

"The one who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will reveal Myself to him."

Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, what has happened that You are going to reveal Yourself to us and not to the world?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will follow My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him.

"The one who does not love Me does not follow My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me

"These things I have spoken to you while remaining with you.

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and remind you of all that I said to you.

"Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor fearful.

"You heard that I said to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

"And now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe."

John 16:5-15

"But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'

"But because I have said these things to you, grief has filled your heart.

"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.

"And He, when He comes, will convict the world regarding sin, and righteousness, and judgment: regarding sin, because they do not believe in Me; and regarding righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you no longer [are going to see Me; and regarding judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

"I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear [them] at the present time.

"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

"He will glorify Me, for He will take from Mine and will disclose it to you.

"All things that the Father has are Mine; this is why I said that He takes from Mine and will disclose it to you."

God has certainly shown us the depth of His desire to have an intimate relationship with us: He created a universe for us to enjoy and to reveal His majesty through. He sent His only begotten Son Jesus to live among us and to die to save us. Then He gave His own Spirit to live IN us forever.

My Sisters what else can the Father do to prove He love us and wants us to enjoy fellowship with Him.....???

Ask yourself the question? What am I waiting for?

“O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you.”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!