

Prayer: Communing with God

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Ian's Near Death Experience

- Then a brilliant light shone upon me and literally drew me out of the darkness.... I could see that the source of the light was emanating from the very end of the tunnel. It looked unspeakably bright, as if it was the centre of the universe, the source of all light and power. It was more brilliant than the sun, more radiant than any diamond, brighter than a laser beam. Yet you could look right into it.
- As I was being translated through the air I could see successive waves of thicker intensity light break off the source and start traveling up the tunnel towards me. The first wave of light gave off an amazing warmth and comfort. It was as though the light wasn't just material in nature but was a "living light" that transmitted an emotion. The light passed into me and filled me with a sense of love and acceptance.
- Halfway down, another wave of light passed into me. This light gave off total and complete peace. . . . I tried everything I could think of to find peace and contentment in my life, and I'd never found it. Now from the top of my head to the base of my feet I found myself totally at peace.
- I came out of the end of the tunnel and seemed to be standing upright before the source of all the light and power. My whole vision was taken up with this incredible light. It looked like a white fire or a mountain of cut diamonds sparkling with the most indescribable brilliance....
- I felt totally exposed and transparent before God. You can wear masks before other people but you can't wear a mask before God. I felt ashamed and undone.... My first thought was that this light was going to cast me back into the pit, but to my amazement a wave of pure unconditional love flowed over me. It was the last thing I expected. Instead of judgment I was being washed with pure love. Pure, unadulterated, clean, uninhibited, undeserved, love. It began to fill me up from the inside out....
- I proceeded to tell him about all the disgusting things I'd done under the cover of darkness. But it was as though he'd already forgiven me and the intensity of his love only increased...
- I found myself beginning to weep uncontrollably as the love became stronger and stronger. It was so clean and no strings attached.... This love was healing my heart and I began to understand that there is incredible hope for humankind in this love.
- I was so close I wondered if I could just step into the light that surrounded God and see him face to face.... As I stepped into the light it was as if I'd come inside veils of suspended shimmering lights, like suspended stars or diamonds giving off the most amazing radiance. And as I walked through the light it continued to heal the deepest part of me....
- Standing in the centre of the light stood a man with dazzling white robes reaching down to his ankles. I could see his bare feet. The garments were not man-made fabrics but were like garments of light. As I lifted my eyes up I could see the chest of a man with his arms outstretched as if to welcome me.
- I looked towards his face. It was so bright; it seemed to be about ten times brighter than the light I'd already seen. It made the sun look yellow and pale in comparison. It was so bright that I couldn't make out the features of his face... I knew that I was standing in the presence of Almighty God – no one but God could look like this.

Psalms 16:11 – You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Hebrews 4:16 – we can “with confidence draw near to the throne of grace”

Prayer as Communing with God

- “Communing” / “Communion” = from Latin, meaning “mutual participation, sharing”... same root as community, communication... hippy commune, communism

Knowing God

- John 17:3 – Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
- Philippians 3:10-11 – 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.
 - “know” = *ginosko* = deep, intimate knowledge, like friends, family... a husband and wife
- Psalm 25:14 – The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.
 - NLT - The Lord is a friend to those who fear him...
 - ISV - The intimate counsel of the Lord is for those who fear him...
- John 15:15 – I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

God Created Us to Commune with Him

- Colossians 1:16 – For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.
- Adam and Eve
- Abraham
 - James 2:23 – calls him “a friend of God”
- Moses
 - Deuteronomy 5:22-31 – In one of the saddest moments of human history, God called all of Israel to come into His presence and be a kingdom of priests... but Israel was scared and sent Moses as their representative instead
 - Psalm 103:7 – He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
 - Moses spoke to God face-to-face as a man speaks to his friend (Exodus 33:11)
- King David
 - In Acts 13:22, God calls David “a man after my own heart”
 - Acts 13:36 says that David “fulfilled his purpose in his generation”
 - Psalm 27:4 – One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.
- Mary of Bethany
 - Luke 10:41-42 – 41 “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed – or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”
- Leviticus 26:11-12 – 11 I will put my dwelling place among you, and I will not abhor you. 12 I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people.
- 1 Peter 2:9-10 – 9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Quote: Westminster Shorter Catechism (1646) – “The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.”