

Experiencing God's Presence

If we want the benefits of consistent trust in the Lord, a casual investigation of the Bible will not do. Rather, we must seek wholeheartedly a deeper knowledge of Him in His Word. By persistent choice we must make Him the major pursuit of our lives, following the examples of men like Moses, David, and Paul, who pursued Him above all else (see Exodus 33:13, 18; Psalm 27:4; Philippians 3:10).

As we seek God, we must also depend on Him today on the basis of what we already know about Him. We don't have to wait till we know Him better to rely on Him. Yet as we do get to know Him better, our dependence will become deeper and more constant.

As we contemplate God in his Word, the blend of qualities in His character amazes us: unlimited strength and utmost tenderness, majestic glory and infinite mercy, uncompromising justice and unqualified forgiveness. His holy love for us stands undiminished in spite of His total knowledge of us as imperfect persons.

This Bible study will help you examine some of God's amazing attributes and then apply their lessons to your own life. As you take time to consider the marvelous ways in which these qualities come together in His character, you will find yourself trusting Him more consistently, worshiping Him more completely, and sharing Him with others more freely. Knowing God properly means experiencing Him with your mind and your will and your emotions. This is what Paul wrote the Colossians: "How I long for you to grow more certain in your knowledge and more sure in your grasp of God Himself." May your spiritual experience become richer as you see more and more fully God's great secret, Christ Himself! For it is in Him and in Him alone, that men will find all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:2-3)

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