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Intimacy with the Father, by what can we gauge it?, on: 2006/10/7 10:10

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Re: Intimacy with the Father, by what can we gauge it?, on: 2006/10/9 14:53

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Re: Intimacy with the Father, by what can we gauge it? - posted by HeartSong, on: 2006/10/9 18:16

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Re:, on: 2006/10/10 9:06

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That sounds like such a wonderful experience, HeartSong. I want one of them! However, what I had in mind when suggesting this thread was to point up the everyday natural life we should all come to expect as revealed by Jesus. We know from scripture that the mountaintop experience is just that, an experience. We can't live there but rather must live in the valley where the troubles are. Nor can we be for those who seek just an experience but are to be "broken bread and poured out wine" to the ones who hope. God knows and it is union with Him that we should know. "Let this mind be in you....." remember?

Intimacy with Him is to have the dross removed from my life that He is able to call on me for His use --- at anytime! That is revelation truth to me.

I pray the revelation of Himself to you will further encourage you since I believe that is what all such mountaintop experience

nces are purposed. The valley lies ahead wherein is the way of the cross.

Thanks for sharing

Orm :-)

{*Chambers.}

Re: Intimacy with the Father, by what can we gauge it? - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2006/10/10 9:30

This reminds me of something I read recently...

There are multitudes of conscript Christians pressed into Christ's army by the constraint of the law. They render acceptable service, and will be rewarded for their fidelity, as the grateful country gives pensions alike to the drafted and volunteer soldier, and indiscriminately decorates their graves. But the volunteer enjoyed his service, finding the battle-field a delight because it afforded him an opportunity to suffer for his loved country, while the conscript, just as faithful in the outward act of obedience, never tasted joy in his irksome toils and sacrifices. Which kind of a Christian do you choose to be? You may serve all your life under the constraint of law, or you may serve with gladness in the way of God's commandments under the mighty impulse of love, perfect love, which casteth out all servile, tormenting fear.
-from *Love Enthroned* by Daniel Steele

Re: - posted by mamaluk, on: 2006/10/10 13:11

To be able to draw intimately to the Father, we have to first realize,

John 15:16

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and th at your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

The gauge of such intimacy can be seen as in John:

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will **keep my words**: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, **ye would rejoice**, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

Herein is my Father glorified, that **ye bear much fruit**; so shall ye be my disciples.

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall **abide in my love**; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

To maintain all this, one ought to do as in Matthew 6:6

But thou, when thou prayest, **enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is i n secret**; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Thanks again Orm, very encouraging reminder!

Re: Intimacy with the Father, by what can we gauge it?, on: 2006/10/11 8:11

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The way I see it is that a believer's awareness of what is theirs through faith in Christ and the baptism of the Spirit, incre
ases as they continue to believe in Him and walk in the Spirit.

It is only as I've come into personal clarity that I realise how true it is that the whole world lies in wickedness, and a certai
n amount of mental darkness and previous thinking patterns persist..... until our Father brings a thing to our attention wit
h the express purpose of causing us to think as He does on a matter.

Thus, as a newborn baby is undiscerning about many things, so are newborn Christians, but, if they eat what they shoul
d and grow, they will develop an appropriately 'mature' relationship with their heavenly Father.

Re:, on: 2006/10/11 8:40

Regarding the question of intimacy: The Father draws us, who are "hungering and thirsting" to Himself; to be absolutely
His. He reveals to us Jesus Christ who is the way, truth and the Life He desires for us. When we "see" Jesus, He
explains the Father's heart -- an ongoing process through the abiding and NOT quenching of the Holy Spirit..

**"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last d
ay."** John 6:44 (KJV)

That's the way it has been made real to me.

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Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2006/10/12 23:21

Hello Orm,

I've been thinking about what you said:

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and then

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From what I can see, whenever God talks of mountains and valleys, he also talks of hills and rivers. I may be wrong, but
I have come to see water as referring to the Holy Spirit, and if this is correct, He flows from the mountain tops to the vall
eys (always in the "low" areas) and is there to draw, sustain and cleanse us (rising back to the mountain tops to again flo
w forth - continuous - constant) . . . anyway, just a thought.

In His Love,
Laura