

## Part 7. Prayer

### Lesson 2: Walking in Fellowship with God

#### Lesson Summary

God desires that we grow in our knowledge of Him (Eph. 3:19), yet He is far beyond our natural ability to fully comprehend (Isa. 55:8–9; 1 Tim. 6:16). In His grace, He has given believers the Holy Spirit at salvation, who indwells us and enables us to understand spiritual truth and walk in fellowship with Him (John 14:16–17; 1 Cor. 2:10–14).

Though we are limited in ourselves, we are created in God’s image and made alive spiritually through the new birth (Gen. 1:27; John 3:6). The Holy Spirit illumines God’s truth, while the flesh resists it, creating an ongoing inner conflict (Gal. 5:17; Rom. 8:7). As we yield to the Spirit, we grow in understanding, obedience, and boldness—as seen in Peter’s transformation from denial to proclamation (Matt. 26:69–75; Acts 2:14–41).

Fellowship with God is not about gaining more of His presence, but about growing in our relationship with Him through obedience, faith, and dependence on His Word. Scripture teaches that this fellowship is cultivated through worship (John 4:23–24), the Word (Josh. 1:8), prayer (Phil. 4:6–7), holiness (1 Pet. 1:15–16), and unity with other believers (Heb. 10:24–25).

God promises that those who draw near to Him will grow in their relationship with Him (James 4:8). This growth develops over time as we faithfully walk with Him and yield to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

#### Key Takeaways

- God desires that we grow in our knowledge of Him (Eph. 3:19; Ps. 34:8).
- We cannot fully comprehend God in our natural state (Exod. 33:20; Isa. 55:9).
- The Holy Spirit indwells believers at salvation, making us His temple (John 14:16–17; 1 Cor. 6:19).
- The Spirit enables us to understand spiritual truth (1 Cor. 2:10–14).
- The Christian life involves an ongoing conflict between the flesh and the Spirit (Gal. 5:17).
- Spiritual growth comes through yielding to the Spirit, not human effort.
- Fellowship with God is cultivated through:
  - Worship (Ps. 22:3; John 4:23–24)
  - The Word (Josh. 1:8; Ps. 119:105)
  - Prayer (Jer. 29:12–13; Phil. 4:6–7)
  - Holiness (Ps. 24:3–4; 1 Pet. 1:15–16)
  - Community (Heb. 10:24–25)
- God promises to draw near to those who seek Him (James 4:8).

#### Questions & Answers

1. **Q: Why can’t we fully comprehend God?**

**A:** Because God is infinite and beyond our natural understanding (Isa. 55:8–9; 1 Tim. 6:16).

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2. **Q: What did God provide so we can know Him?**

**A:** The Holy Spirit, who indwells believers at salvation and enables us to understand spiritual truth (John 14:16–17; 1 Cor. 2:10–14).

3. **Q: What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life?**

**A:** He teaches, guides, and illumines God's Word, helping us grow in understanding and obedience.

4. **Q: Why is there a struggle in the Christian life?**

**A:** Because the flesh opposes the Spirit (Gal. 5:17; Rom. 8:7).

5. **Q: What biblical example shows transformation through the Spirit?**

**A:** Peter's denial of Christ compared with his bold preaching after Pentecost (Matt. 26:69–75; Acts 2:14–41).

6. **Q: How do we grow in fellowship with God?**

**A:** Through worship, the Word, prayer, holiness, and fellowship with other believers.

7. **Q: What promise is given to those who seek God?**

**A:** He will draw near to them (James 4:8).

Walking in fellowship with God is not about earning His presence, but about living in a daily relationship with Him through faith, obedience, and dependence on His Spirit and His Word.