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God Is Awesome!

It was a dark and starless night. God was contemplating you from His Heavenly throne and considering what your life would look like. At this moment, the world was not yet made, nor was it set in motion.

He sat with a hunch while deep in thought. A smile drew across His face as He considered the details. His heart fluttered for a moment while He imagined your face. As He considered you, He found Himself cherishing this person who has never existed. He imagined your faith, how you would trust Him, and how you would relate to Him. He saw how you would respond to life and how life would respond to you.

He continued to entertain His thoughts with you until His heart couldn't bear it anymore. He looked down at a small, empty space that sat before His feet. It was a lonely spot that should be filled by you.

He realized at that moment that He loved you. "Why shouldn't someone I love exist?" He pondered to Himself. When His heart was swollen with loving desire, He decided to step forward. Not able to bear another moment in Heaven without you, He stepped down from His lordly throne to view the earth He was about to make.

He looked into the deep darkness—a vast corridor of creation that was yet to be filled. Then, when He couldn't stand being without you any longer, He muttered a simple but powerful sentence through His longing.

"Let there be light," He said.

The sun in its massive, surging strength exploded into existence—and there was light. For from His mouth came power, and at His word all things obeyed. At this point He set the world in motion, and it began to spin on its axis. Then He created the stars, all of which would be too numerous to be counted. That way, you may briefly understand the incomprehensible power of His glory by merely looking upward to see it.

The greater light He gave to you to walk in the day, and the lesser at night. This is similar to the light of Christ, by which we must walk. And when the darkness surrounds us, still His light is reflected into our hearts, and it illuminates the way of salvation.

After this He spoke and created dry ground as well as creatures of the sea, of the

air, and of the land. Then He made humanity and watched its fall. While this made His heart sink, He was aware of it even before He spoke, and so He made plans to save us—plans that would convict us by showing us the depths of the love He bears toward us.

Long after all things had been made—long after the Flood and the rise and fall of Israel—Jesus seized His opportunity. He, being God, stepped down from His throne and humbled Himself lower than the angels. Although He was God, He took the form of a servant who healed and loved people from place to place. He preached the good news of the salvation that was at hand, and He prepared His heart to suffer.

He lived homeless in the wilderness and the high places. He slept in the field, and the forest floor made a good bed from time to time. Not always was He invited to spend the night in someone's house, especially when He was traveling between cities. But when He was, it was refreshing.

He was a king who didn't have enough gold for a crown—a crown that He deserved. But He still had perfect peace because of the mission He was about to accomplish. That mission was to captivate your heart through loving conviction to repentance.

Then, when the time had come, He was handed over to be abandoned by friends, rejected by His own family and nation, mocked, beaten, hated, and killed. He knew He would suffer these things in advance, yet He was willing to endure them.

He chose to come down from Heaven for the joy set before Him. While it was certainly His joy to receive His throne and eternal life again, this wasn't the reason He came. You, Beloved, are the joy of God.

In order to love you, He endured all things and humbled Himself, not only in becoming a mortal man but also in dying in humiliation. He came not merely to receive His throne back. Rather, He desired to receive you to Himself, that you could be where He is forever.

He has shown you by His sacrifice that He would rather be hated, humiliated, rejected by His friends and family, punched in the face, spat on, whipped, tortured nearly to death, then crucified and left to die than spend another moment in eternity without you. You have always meant so much to Him!

He has always cherished you. For this reason He came down, and for this reason He suffered. Since before time began, He was dreaming of you; and with fervent

love in His heart, He set out to create the earth, which would be a place to meet with His special friend—you.

Since you have meant so much to Him, let Him mean much to you. Fully dedicate yourself to Him. Examine your heart and your life. Determine if there is any way in which you haven't been faithfully seeking to grow in Him and to walk in His Spirit and love as you should.

Take a moment to reflect on your life. Are you walking with God? Doesn't the Lord deserve a greater devotion from us? Not just a devotion a few minutes each day, but to seek Him continually throughout the day by prayer and worship.

Take the time to consider all He made. God made creation's vastness to show you that life was not about you but, rather, that it has always been about Him.

He loved you and desired you but at the same time created a vastness of unfathomable height, width, length, and depth so that you may understand life is about Him and His greatness. All the glory returns to Him who created it.

Consider a single field and look at all the blades of grass. How many are there? Can you count them? Did you know that in as little as 55 acres, there are more blades of grass than there are people in the world?

And God knows the number of them throughout the whole world. He knows how many hairs are on your head and every idle detail about you. Yet knowing all these things is mostly pointless to Him. He is God and can't help but know everything. It is part of who He is. Yet in all of this knowledge, nothing matters more to Him than simply knowing you, personally and intimately.

Look up at the sky. How many stars are there? Each of them glistens in the distance, having its own mystery. They are larger than our own world and exist such a distance away that they can never be explored or understood in all their complexities.

There are over 8.7 million different life forms that live on earth. This is just a small fraction of what existed before the Flood, which should tell you the true expanse of the life God created this world to hold.

Creation in all its complexities is too wonderful to be understood. There are too many objects, concepts, and forms of life to be explored. There are stars that are trillions of times larger than earth, yet there are also particles so small that science can only theorize about them.

Yet God uses all of these tiny particles to create the building blocks of life and of

all creation. The greatest and largest things are always made from the smallest. The invisible amount to the visible.

Even so, our smallest acts of faith always amount to the greatest acts. Our invisible faith should lead to visible works of love as evidence of our faith. It is certain that if we are not faithful with the little things, neither will we be faithful in the greatest things.

Consider this and all the splendor of God's creation. How can you not sit in awe of Him? Our God is an awesome God! He created these things in a short period of time, and none of it was too difficult for Him.

The depths of His knowledge and wisdom are beyond searching out. But even deeper than these things is the depth of His love for you. God will upheave this world in a blazing fire to create a new, peace-filled earth for you. In His new world, He will make what He always wanted: His throne and a special place for you to live right next to Him, where you can be at His feet and in His presence forever.

He Is *Always* Faithful

Examine your life. Can you count all the blessings God has given you? Can you recount them back to Him, in order, to thank Him?

God doesn't need us to thank Him to show His loving-kindness toward us. But He does deserve it! And we ought to meditate continually on all the ways He's been faithful.

If you're stuck in the middle of a trial, little else could increase your faith more than remembering how God has been faithful to you in the past. Then, after you reflect on these things, it will be easy to believe that He will be faithful in your current situation. If God has been faithful before, you can rest your heart in faith that He will be faithful again.

The Lord is never late. He is always on time with His blessings. While you will have to wait for God's providence in any situation of life, you can be certain that, through much time and patience, God will provide.

But why would He make you wait while you're suffering? Doesn't He care what you're going through physically, mentally, and emotionally?

God uses these opportunities to sharpen your faith and build your character, that you would come out of your situation a stronger person in Christ than before you went in. Therefore, He certainly does care about your circumstances, and He allows them to exist both to test you and to grow you. During these moments of life, God is testing the manner and nature of your faith, and how you will respond to the situation. By this He teaches you to cling to Him and not to anything in this world. Everything you have in this life will be gone in a puff of smoke, but the Lord endures forever.

The storms of life are like being in a tempest-tossed sea without a vessel. As you sink beneath the waves, your hands will try to grasp for anything they can find so you can pull yourself up. But in these circumstances, you need to stop grasping for your boat. Your boat is like the comfortable circumstances on which you have come to trust and rely, rather than on God.

If you trust in the boat more than in God, you can expect that, in due and proper time, while you're leaning over the edge of the vessel, God will take that opportunity to give you a little boat.

But why does He do this? Why does He allow us to be completely helpless in

trials? He's our Savior, so why doesn't He save us from experiencing these things?

God allows it to happen for our own growth, that we would be stretched beyond our comfort zones to trust in the living God, who is greater than the idle things of life with which we've grown comfortable. God is a God of character, not of complacency. He hates a complacent heart. Those who have grown complacent can never please Him because they have no faith.

When God calls them to step out of the boat, they refuse. Then, if He kicks them out of the vessel, they cling to the edges, screaming like children who don't want to leave the park. They have lost all interest in the will of God and have fallen in love with the evil desires of the flesh. They would succumb to a desire for the safety and comfort that wealth brings.

And as it is written,

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."
Hebrews 11:6

If we are without faith, we cannot please Him. Faith is strongest when it is blind. When we can't see our own way out, we must trust in the Lord's leading and the words of His Spirit to carry us through. Did you notice in the scripture that Peter didn't step out on the waves until after the Lord had commanded Him? As we read,

"And Peter answered Him and said, 'Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.' So He said, 'Come.' And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus." Matthew 14:28–29

Therefore, God allows you to be overtaken by trials that have no way out so you may realize that the only way out is through Jesus. He doesn't want you to sit in the boat, and He doesn't want you searching for something to grasp when the waves overtake you. He wants you to have faith in His leading as He pulls you up to make you walk on water.

So God is showing His faithfulness by allowing us to suffer. He, like any loving father, is disciplining us. He uses these circumstances to teach us to trust in what is most important—Him.

In everything He does, God is always faithful. This may not appear to be the case in trials, but He is being faithful in giving them to you. Even if your loved

one is dying of cancer, God is showing His faithfulness.

When I was young, I had an aunt who was a second mother to me. The problem was that she suffered severely from brain cancer. It's harder watching someone die of brain cancer than of anything else because first you have to lose that person mentally, as he or she forgets who you are. Slowly the person's memory slips until it fades away entirely.

My aunt was a piano teacher, and when I was young, she taught me how to play. It was one of our favorite things to do together. I loved sitting there with her, playing the right keys while she played the left. But one of my most heart-wrenching memories with her was during her last month of life. She wanted to teach me a few new concepts, and as always I was all ears.

While she explained the concept, however, her words began to slur, and she sat there muttering to herself while drool streaked down her cheek. Here was this woman I loved so much, more than life itself, and I had to watch her mind fade away until she couldn't remember who I was or what she was saying anymore.

After seeing that, I couldn't stop crying. She knew why I was crying, and all she could do was put her hands on her lap while she waited for my breakdown to finish.

That was the last piano lesson she ever taught me. It was the last moment I spent with her.

Shortly after this, she began to experience grand mal seizures every night, which caused her body to flail violently, and they lasted 45 minutes each. At this time, she no longer knew who I was. So first I had to lose this person I loved while I watched her mind fade away. Then I had to lose her a second time when she finally passed away.

It was hard for me, very hard. To make matters worse, I was a child who could hardly wrap his head, much less his heart, around what was happening. All I knew was that the woman I loved as much as my own mother had been taken from me twice. But in the end, even though I was a child, I was able to understand that God had given her peace. Never again would she suffer in this life. Never again would the debilitating pains of cancer ravish her.

In this world we have turmoil, but in Christ we have peace. You may lose those you love to a horrible disease or situation, but in this God has still shown His faithfulness. How so? For He said,

“The righteous perishes, and no man takes it to heart; merciful men are taken away, while no one considers that the righteous is taken away from evil. He shall enter into peace; they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.” Isaiah 57:1–2

We are here on this planet and in this world for just a moment. Yes, we may suffer for a little while, but in the Lord when we die, we will have peace forever. So even in the worst possible scenario that could ever happen to us or our loved ones, God has proven Himself faithful. For Jesus said,

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

Knowing then that God is always faithful, we should be found faithfully praising Him always. Even in the midst of trials, we should bow our knees and worship, as Job did:

“Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. And he said: ‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.’ In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.” Job 1:20–22

Worship is not only an action of submission and praise to the Divine; rather, it can also be an expression of faith. When everything goes wrong—as it did for Job, who lost his children, wealth, and everything else in only a day—our worship expresses faith that we believe God is still good. When we can’t see any good in our circumstances, we should worship God in faith that He will work our trials together for good—a good that was greater than what we had before the trial and greater than the trial itself.

At first you may receive something that is less than the trial or what you had previously. But over many years, you will look back and see how the one gift God gave you led to a series of blessings that ultimately amounted to a much greater circumstance.

Years upon years may prove necessary to see the full faithfulness of God. But be patient. A true virtue of wisdom that every Christian much learn is to be patient with God. Test yourself. Has there ever been a time when you expected God to take care of you, but you felt grieved because He was taking longer than you had hoped?

It is easy to claim we are patient with the Lord and another thing to be truly patient when suffering in a difficult trial. But reflecting on how God has been faithful before will help to increase your faith.

Consider also that God is always faithful to forgive you. No matter what you do or where you've been, God is willing to receive you back and embrace you. In order to have the right attitude toward Him in worship, we should become the example of Him in this.

If you've been offended by a brother or sister, try diligently to be reconciled to him or her. He or she should be the first person to step forward, having insulted you. But if the other person doesn't, then even as God pursues you to forgive you, so should you do likewise toward your offender.

God is always faithful to save you from your trials. So if you see a brother suffering, be diligent to lift him up even as Christ does for you. In this, you will portray the true heart of Christ. If your enemy has need, be faithful to provide for him or her diligently. In this, your love will be perfect.

Let your actions, not only your words, be worship. Glorify God in all you do, not just in what you say.

Having the True Heart of Worship

Worship is nothing without love. If we worship God, claiming to love Him, but forget to cherish the needs of our brethren, then we are no longer fulfilling true worship. Every Christian should always be growing in the practice of love.

Examine yourself: Have all your words been founded on love? Have you been edifying and leading others to Christ with the things you say and do? During tense moments, are you being the example of the love of Jesus? Let each of us take it to heart to say and do the things that lead others to Christ.

Even as it is written,

“If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.” 1 John 4:20–21

And also,

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.” 1 John 4:7

While we claim to love one another, if we do not fully cherish each other’s needs by taking the time to fill those needs, then we aren’t being loving at all. For it is written,

“And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.” Titus 3:14

And also,

“But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.” 1 John 3:17–18

Pray for open eyes and seek those in your church who are hurting. Do not wait for them to find you, but rather find them. When you’re hurt, doesn’t God pursue you in order to comfort and love you? Be the example of Christ and do likewise, being diligent to meet urgent needs, whether physical or emotional.

True worship is showing adoration to our master. So let us show real adoration through being influenced by the love of God to love one another perfectly.

Ultimately, we should examine ourselves continually to see if we are maintaining a servant's heart. Examine yourself today to see if you are doing this. Not only should we help out the church as God leads us, but we should also willingly serve one another whether there is a church program for doing so or not.

Some churches have a habit of turning away the needy because they don't have a funded program for fulfilling the needs in question. But if we operate in love, then this shouldn't be the case. Did the early church have programs? No. They had deacons who were faithful with the money and gave it as to the needy.

But now, today, deacons are for collecting money, not giving it. Where has the heart of Jesus gone? Why has the American church fallen so far from the tree in this?

Some who do give to the brethren only do so for friends. Rather than acting as true brothers, if they meet a brother for the first time, are convinced he is a brother, and hear he has need, they nonetheless will not fill the need.

God has not called us to love with partiality, however, but with perfection. If you know that someone is a brother, then the Holy Spirit has testified and is calling you to care for that person's needs. If you ignore that small, still voice, then you are disobeying God.

Now some claim, "God has grace." But grace is not an excuse to justify unrepentant sin. God calls us to grow beyond our borders and to willfully and diligently practice the love of God toward all men.

If you would go down to a homeless shelter and feed the poor whom you have never met, then why would you pass by a brother whom you have just met for the first time?

"Well the world doesn't have God, but a brother does," some say.

But should the faithful in Christ be made to suffer while those who hate God go free? The world isn't ignorant; many have heard the gospel long before they met you, yet they have chosen to live without Christ. These are the enemies of God. While we certainly should feed our enemies and love them as God does, should we forsake the friends of God to favor God's enemy? If you favor God's enemy and forsake His children, how are you being a friend of God?

Consider these things and let your love be perfect, giving to all men and honoring God in all you do. As you walk in love, your worship will be sincere.

So worship God not only in tongue but also in deed and truth—because actions speak louder than words.

Growing in Gratitude

Gratitude is the beginning of worship. Reflecting on the goodness of the Lord causes our hearts to bubble up with His praises. So take the time to meditate on His works daily. Consider all the ways He has revealed His love to you, and use that time to meditate on His presence and thank Him to His face.

Gratitude increases faith. By reflecting on the works and loving-kindness of God, you are reminded of His faithfulness. Meditating on His faithfulness stirs your heart to grow beyond the mustard-seed-sized faith.

Glorify God by sharing with others how He has been faithful to you. This will increase their faith as well. If anyone is going through a trial, making His works known to that person will encourage him or her. And as it is also written,

“Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!” Psalm 105:1

Continually keep a heart of gratitude and share His deeds with others. By reflecting on His faithfulness continually, you will enter a trial with your chin up. And by this method you’ll exit your trial with a smile.

One area in which many Christians struggle is gratitude for grace. When we first come to Christ, every believer is on fire with thankfulness. But through the natural process of life, work, raising children, and whatever else may captivate your attention, it is easy to lose that deep sense of thankfulness. So believers feel strong because they have grown and hit a plateau on their walk. But there are no plateaus, only the constant, upward call of Christ Jesus.

We hit plateaus because we stop drawing near to God in His way. But people who are on a plateau would argue, “I go to church every Sunday and Bible study every Tuesday and Wednesday. I’m right with God!”

While we should certainly do these things, we also must continue to walk in the Holy Spirit constantly. If we do not walk in the Spirit, then although we are all certainly grateful, we come to expect grace, and our fire can fizzle out. Then some Christians, due to the expectation of grace, become complacent.

“I’m a strong Christian,” they say. They don’t see anything wrong with their walk, but as a result, they stop growing.

“What’s wrong with me? Why do I need to change? I’m right with God,” they also say. But we should always be growing and never complacent. God hates

complacency because a complacent heart no longer trusts in God. The complacent heart trusts in the wealth, security, and safety of the things of this life.

God is infinite. If we are to be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect, then we have a lot of growing to do. No matter where you're at, you can't compare to the Lord. So be diligent to draw near to God, and rededicate yourself to growing in the Lord.

Complacency affects a person's outlook on grace through self-justification. "I'm right with God" and "I'm a strong Christian" are statements of pride, not a reality for any one of us. A truly strong Christian never calls himself or herself "strong." Rather, such Christians confess, "I am weak," and diligently seek to have God as their strength.

Consider those who call themselves strong in Christ but, through complacency, no longer grow. They are faithful to serve and faithful to evangelize. When evangelizing, they say to the unbeliever, "You need the Lord!"

And the unbeliever replies, "Why? I haven't done any of the major sins. I don't cheat, I don't lie, I don't steal, I don't murder, and I've never committed adultery!"

Then the Christian replies, "If you have sinned in even one little area, God sees no difference between that and a great big sin. Every sin results in the death of the soul, and we need Jesus to intercede between the Father and us. We need Him as savior to justify us because we aren't perfect."

But such believers don't themselves take these things to heart. When they are told they need to press hard to grow in the Lord, they say, "Why? I'm a strong Christian already! I don't cheat, I don't lie, I don't steal, I don't murder, and I've never committed adultery!"

Then one may ask them, "But do you have any little sins?"

And they reply, "Well, God has grace on those." And then they refuse to grow in those areas of life. But it is these little things that amount to the greatest sin.

So on the one hand, they tell the unbeliever, "You need Jesus because your little sins have killed your soul. Because you have little sins, you need to get right with God!"

But when they are told to grow in the little things, they say, "God has grace."

Yet as it is written,

“Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.”
Romans 12:9

If you have even a little sin, you need to grow. Grace is not an excuse to cease growing; rather, it makes growth necessary and possible.

If we are grateful for God’s grace, we will want to grow beyond the need for it. By thankfulness we should be driven to love God, and through love we fulfill the law. So if we love the Lord, we will desire to draw near to Him and to grow always. As it is written,

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.” James 4:8

Spend time growing in the word, and study your Bible diligently, daily. Through the grind of life, complacency rises up naturally, but be faithful to return your heart to what is right.

Although we mentioned the law, this is not a call to legalism but to gratitude for grace. Grace is an opportunity, not for sin but for deliverance from sin. When you are diligent to walk in the Spirit and in the love of God, sin falls away naturally. By practicing the Bible as the Holy Spirit shows us, we will grow as God desires us to.

Dedicated to His Spirit

Examine yourself. Do you know what it means to walk in the Spirit? How do you know without a doubt when you're walking in the Spirit and when you're not?

If you don't know, then be diligent to learn and to practice because every Christian must walk in the Spirit! As it is written,

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." Galatians 5:25

If you don't know how to walk in the Spirit, then you have not yet overcome sin. As it is also written,

"I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." Galatians 5:16

And also,

"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit." Romans 8:1

Now the question remains, "How do we walk in the Spirit?" By constantly abiding in His presence, listening to His voice, and obeying it. When you hear the Holy Spirit speak and obey Him, then you are walking in the Spirit.

How do we abide? When we worship Him to His face, pray, and meditate on His presence. This is not something that should be done merely during a time of devotion but all day, every day. It is a necessary discipline of the Christian walk.

By abiding, we sensitize ourselves to the voice of the Spirit. In this case, His voice no longer seems still, small, and difficult to discern. It becomes loud and clear because we are paying attention to Him. A still, small voice is like a whisper. If you want to hear a whisper more clearly, you need to press your ear to the lips of the one who speaks. By drawing near to God to abide in Him, you are doing exactly that.

But that we should pray constantly is evident. For it is written,

"...pray without ceasing..." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

And also,

"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving..." Colossians 4:2

Have you ever tried praying without ceasing? Do this daily as the Lord calls you to do. Prayer is the easiest method by which to abide. Whether you're at work on a machine or at a desk, you can easily pray in silence.

We also must worship continually.

“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” Hebrews 13:15–16

Hebrews 13:16 therefore exhorts us to love the brethren, as we discussed in an earlier chapter. But in Hebrews 13:15 we see also the need to keep a heart of gratitude continually and to express it through praise. While it is difficult to worship and pray without ceasing, due to the distractions of life, this is possible through practice and faith.

Know also that Satan does not want you to abide, lest you operate through the power of the Holy Spirit. So he will resist you and throw many distractions at you, whether through the seed of idle thoughts that cause you to drift off from prayer or by influencing others who are sensitive to him—such as the unsaved, or fleshly sinful brethren—to distract you. Have you ever tried to pray at work only to have someone interrupt you every time? If you practice constant prayer and worship, you'll begin to see how often the devil tries to thwart you. So be aware of this and ignore him. While you should rebuke him, know that if you pay attention to him, he will keep coming back to distract you through the very need to rebuke him constantly. In this case, just ignore him and focus on the Spirit. He'll stop.

When darkness surrounds you, embrace the light, and the darkness will fade away. If the enemy plants a seed in you to think idly, don't entertain the thought. Rather, recognize when your thoughts are drifting off and be diligent to bring them back to the Lord.

When praying, focus on the presence of God. Listen carefully for His voice. Do not merely share your own heart but let His Spirit influence you in order to teach you what you should pray. While God does care about our heart, if we only pray for the things we want, then we won't be sensitive to the will of God. If you want more answered prayers, then pray according to the will of God through the Holy Spirit. As you listen to the Spirit, He will incline you toward what you should say, and these inclinations are the will of God. If the Spirit has inclined you, then know you will have what you pray for. As it is written,

“What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.” 1 Corinthians 14:15

And also,

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.” 1 John 5:14–15

Knowing this, we should pray always in the Spirit as He leads us. If we pray continually, then we will have continual answers from God. We will thereby experience a greater intimacy with Him as He answers our requests with miracles, power, and love.

Then, as God answers, you will find yet another reason to praise Him. Thus, worshipping and praying in the Spirit leads to an endless cycle of rejoicing. For this reason, the joy of the Lord is also listed as a fruit of the Spirit:

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.” Galatians 5:22–23

If we walk in the Spirit, the law is fulfilled by nature because Christ is operating through us. Therefore, we all must walk in the Spirit and do so continuously. So abide in the Spirit, that you can be more sensitive to His voice. Then, when He speaks, be swift to obey.

Do this also in worship. As you worship, you’ll feel the joy of the Spirit. Let it overtake you, and His praise will bubble over naturally like a fountain. This is how you worship in the Spirit and how we all must worship! As Jesus said,

“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:24

So continue in the Spirit and honor God through works of love. Let the invisible faith you have be proven through visible acts of love. Glorify God in what you do, not only in the songs you sing. Become a living worship for Him because He is your Lord.

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