

The Need to Spend Time with Jesus

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Jn 12:21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

When my son, Cary, was just a lad, he and I were driving down the highway with the radio tuned to a Gospel station. The folks on the program on the radio were sort of arguing and debating between themselves as to what God was like and what Jesus was like. I thought Cary was asleep. Suddenly, he leaned up and pointed toward the radio and said “if you people would hang around God, you would know what he was like.” To this, I say amen.

Though I am in the flesh, I am able to know God through the Holy Spirit and the Bible. I have not yet seen him with my eye. I will see him with the eye of my glorified body.

He is the greatest personality in all the universe. It is not the Pope nor Mohammed nor the president that is the greatest, it is the LORD.

None of us hang around God and his Son as much as we should. It is hard to see him and get to know him driving a truck or welding a piece of metal or mowing the grass or waiting on a customer in the marketplace. It is difficult to speak with him, to touch him, or lean on his bosom when we are busy. So, the Devil has made us busy. Israel, while in bondage in Egypt, desired a leave of absence to go a distance and worship God. Pharaoh, a type of the Devil, said, in my words, “if you have time to worship God, you have too much free time. I need to add to your workload.”

We brag about working 50 or 60 hours and about having two or three jobs. We have no time to spend with the Lord. Billy Graham, in an interview conducted in the final period of his life, was asked if he had any regrets regarding his Christian service. His response was something like this: “Yes, I have one major regret. There was a

time in my life when I got too busy to spend time daily with my LORD.”

Woe is me. Woe unto us. Woe unto the so-called Christian world.

The world talks about “hanging out.” I believe that means to kill time together. “What did you and Joe do last night?” “Oh, we just hung out. We didn’t do anything in particular.”

What if we hung out with Jesus? We surely would get to know him better.

What size is he?

He is big. We are small.

My mind cannot grasp the magnitude of the Godhead.

This planet is a puny speck in the sand. However, we brag that God is so big, he is in China while he is also in the USA.

Isa 66:1 Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

It is 238, 988 miles to the moon. God is there.

It is 93 million miles to the sun and God is there.

The width of the Milky Way galaxy is 6×10^{17} miles. 250 billion stars in the Milky Way galaxy.

He measured the ocean in the palm of his hand and hung the heavens as a curtain.

What is on his mind?

Be around someone a while and get a feel for how they think.

Sinners. He is missionary minded.

If we hang around him very long, we find he is still doing what he came to do 2000 years ago- seeking sinners.

God had only one son, and he wanted him to be a missionary.

Jn 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Mt 11:28 *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

What is his demeanor?

He is a Christian.

Kind. Never mistreated or been unfair.

Trustworthy. He will not cheat you or steal from you.

Caring. Concerned that a sparrow may fall.

Pays his bills. Owed taxes. Fish coin in mouth.

Charitable. Gives to the needy. Food to the hungry. The bigger the crowd, the better, 5000.

Compassionate. Wept over a sinful people. Wept at tomb of Lazarus John 11:35.

Truthful. He said tear down this temple, and it will arise the third day and it did.

Calm. "No worries." Blood pressure fine. Vision. Hearing.

Kindness is rare. Trustworthy, only a few. Caring, selfish world.

Considerate. It is fashionable to cut people off in traffic.

Future plans?

Most have some plan. We speak more about tomorrow than we do today. I wish I could live for today. Hang around folk any length of time and they will let you know they are going to _____

He wants his bride. He wants the marriage consummated.

He wants to complete something that was aborted 2000 years ago.

