

THE HEART OF WORSHIP

Developing Your Friendship With God - Part 3

Revelation 4:11 NLT

“You are worthy, Oh Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For You created everything, and it is for Your pleasure that they exist and were created.”

- ◇ Our friendship with God **starts** with becoming a part of God’s family.

Romans 5:9 -11 NLT

⁹And since we have been made right in God’s sight by the blood of Christ, He will certainly save us from God’s condemnation.

¹⁰For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of His Son while we were still His enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of His Son. ¹¹So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

- ◇ You are as close to God as you **choose** to be.

 **James 4:8**

 **Jeremiah 29:11 - 13**

- ◇ I must desire friendship with God **more** than anything else.

1 Timothy 4:7- 8 ESV

...Rather train yourself for godliness; ⁸for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.


 **Psalm 27:4**

 **Psalm 63:1 - 8**


Philippians 3:10 Amplified

[For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power out flowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed

- ◇ I must choose to **obey** God in faith.

 **John 15:14**

- ◇ Our friendship with God is built around our **OBEDIENCE** to Him.

 **John 15:15**

- ◇ True friendship isn’t **passive** – it ACTS.

- ◇ I must choose to **value** what God values.

Rick Warren:

“Friends of God tell their friends about God.”

- ◇ I must choose to be **honest** with God.

- ◇ Bitterness can be a great **barrier** to friendship with God.

Psalm 142 NLT

¹ I cry out to the LORD;

I plead for the LORD’s mercy.

² I pour out my complaints before him and tell him all my troubles.

³ When I am overwhelmed, you alone know the way I should turn.

Wherever I go,

my enemies have set traps for me.

⁴ I look for someone to come and help me, but no one gives me a passing thought!

No one will help me;

no one cares a bit what happens to me.

⁵ Then I pray to you, O LORD. I say, “

You are my place of refuge.

You are all I really want in life.

⁶ Hear my cry, for I am very low.

Rescue me from my persecutors,

for they are too strong for me.

⁷ Bring me out of prison so I can thank you.

The godly will crowd around me,

for you are good to me.”