

HOW TO MEET WITH GOD IN THE SECRET PLACE

One of the most helpful ways to meet with God in the secret place is through a combination of scripture reading, scripture meditation, and scriptural prayer. This time with God is not a time for reading large portions of scripture. Times of Bible study or structured Bible reading programs are of great value; however, this is a time when your goal is to receive a deeper revelation of the scripture and to experience a heart to heart time with God in His presence.

The following outline will help you engage in communion with God. It does not need to be followed rigidly.

- Find a passage to focus on -- one that is simple, inspirational, and applicable to your life.
- Ask God to give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. Eph. 1:17
- Wait in the Lord's presence. Focus on Him. Set your love upon Him.
- Let quietness and humility prevail as you prepare to delve into the Word.
- Read a verse or small section of the passage you have selected.
- Let the rich meaning penetrate deep within you. Wait a while, and let God give you fresh insights into what He is saying to you through His Word.
- Meditate upon, feed upon, chew, reflect upon, ponder, ruminate upon, and contemplate the words and their meaning as personal messages and promises to you from God.
- Read slowly, with understanding. Seek God and His wisdom as you read.
- Seek the heart of God, His intention for you, in the passage until you sense that the Holy Spirit wants you to proceed.
- After meditating on the truths of the passage, you may want to turn it into a prayer by personalizing its message and applying it to your own life. Ask God to make the truths it contains a reality to you.
- Stay silent in His presence. Listen for His voice. See if there is more He wants to share with you.
- When you feel satisfied move on to the next verse or section of scripture and follow the same approach just outlined.
- Remember this is not a time of Bible study. It is a spiritual endeavor, not an intellectual one.
- Keep a journal or note pad handy to record key thoughts and insights you have received.

After this wonderful time with God in the secret place has ended, you may be surprised that you did not read a great deal of scripture. This is because most passages of the Bible

are laden with golden nuggets of truth that can be looked at from many different angles. Each passage contains powerful truth for your life that you may meditate upon for extended periods of time.

As often as possible memorize key verses of the Bible. By hiding the Word in your heart you will be able to continue wherever you are throughout the day in meditation and prayer in the secret place.

Taken from *In The Secret Place With God* by Clift and Kathleen Richards. (This is a book I wish I could have written.)

John 4:23,24 "But the hour is coming and now is when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is a spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth."

God is still seeking true worshipers today.