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**REACHING
THE HEART
OF GOD
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STEPS TO THE HEART OF GOD

The Bible reveals that there are steps to the heart of God. The heart of God is the very essence of all that God is. Proverbs 4:23 says, **“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”** The issues of life come from the heart. Speaking of those who do not know God, Jesus said, **“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts. . .”** (Mark 7:21).

The heart of God is the Father. Jesus said, “I do only the will of the Father.” Out of the heart, proceeds the thoughts that determine the actions a person performs. Jesus’ thoughts and Jesus’ actions always portrayed the Father. Jesus lived by the Father. He proceeded out from the Father. When Jesus left this earth He went back to the Father. The Father is the heart of God.

There are steps to reaching the heart of God. That is, there are things involved in the process of a person reaching the heart of God the Father. The first step takes place sometime after a person is born into this world. It can come in many ways. For some people it never comes and they live on this earth, die, and go to hell, never even knowing they could have gone to heaven instead, if only they had taken the time to know there was a heaven to gain and a hell to turn away from.

But for many, they have taken the first step. They recognized there is a God, and we need God. For many, this comes about because someone else told them there is a God and they must in some way or other recognize that truth. Unfortunately, for many they never get to know who the true God is, and they spend their life serving the gods of this world. They live and die serving the gods of this world, go to hell for all eternity, not because they didn’t know there was a God in heaven, but because they did not search to find the one and only True God. Satan comes to steal the desire to know God from them, using false religions to accomplish his purpose.

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Then we have others who first started out serving other gods, then they become religious. They heard about the true God. So they joined a religious organization that told them the Bible has the answers. They were told the Bible is the one book by where they can know the true God. Some of these have their own version of the Bible. Many of them teach another way, another Jesus, another this or that, and they never come to the true knowledge of the true and living God. They live their life out on earth, go to hell and never obtain eternal life in heaven with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Why, they didn’t take the time to find out if they were really experiencing the true and living God in their lives. Among them are many who call themselves Christians, and believe they are the true Christians, yet they never experience the true and Living God in their lives. They were sprinkled with water as an infant. They say they were baptized. Someone said a prayer over them and they believe they are children of God. It’s just religion, nothing else. Because they operate from their mind, not their spirit, they let the devil hold them to their religious operations.

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Then we have those who somewhere along the way in life found out the truth about “how to

become born again,” not by water baptism, not by infant baptism, not by the prayers of others. But by receiving Jesus Christ into their own lives “personally.” John 1:12 says, **“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”** This truth from the Bible only applies to those who themselves receive Jesus. It does not apply to those who someone else did it for them. Therefore, they ask the LORD Jesus Christ to come into their lives and became their LORD and Savior, and He does. They become born again of the Word and the Spirit. They become “children of God.” They receive the Word of God. It’s not religion, it’s a new birth into the family of God. Before they are born again, they lived like the world lives. They loved the world and the things in the world. Then comes Satan to steal the Word out of their heart (Mark 4:13-19).

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Unfortunately, many of these, after a while go back to the world and again, live like the rest of the world. They do not continue to go on with the LORD.

When these believe the Word of God concerning eternal life, they believe there is a God in heaven. They believe Jesus is the Son of God. They receive the Word of God concerning eternal life. Once this happens they love the Word of God. They become interested in what the Bible says. They read the Word of God, and become a part of the church. They have fellowship with those who are born again. Their life changes from the ways of the world to the Word of God. This is commonly known as the Baptist type Christians. They love the Word of God, but that is as far as they go. Once they reach this step their whole life changes. Their future is in the Word of God.

Many never go any further with God than that. Some even turn back to their old life style and stop reading the Word of God. They stop going to church. They are no different than those who never did know God. Satan has taken the Word from them, and they become unfruitful.

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For some who are born again, they see the need for the Holy Spirit in their lives. They desire to have the Holy Spirit working in their lives. They seek and receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. It’s like a new life again. They still love the Word of God. They still enjoy their times studying and reading the Word of God. They still enjoy fellowship with other Christians over that of fellowship with those who are not Christians.

But there is a greater desire, that is “communion with the Holy Spirit.” Before this they did all their praying in the natural. They prayed from their mind, speaking those things which concerned them. Once they have taken this step and received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, there is a desire to pray in the Spirit. They love speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives them utterance. They now have two ways of praying, with their understanding and with their spirit, “praying in the Spirit.”

A whole new way of living comes into being. They still love the Word of God, but now they also love the working of the Holy Spirit in their lives. They pray and see others healed by the power

of God. They pray and see great miracles happening because of their prayers. They start commanding Satan and the demons to leave and they see the results. They see the power of God manifest when people are slain in the Spirit. They start spending a lot of time praying in the Spirit, building up their most holy faith. Once they have reached this step, their whole way of living changes. They now depend upon the Holy Spirit as their Helper, Guide, Comforter, Teacher, to lead them. It's a whole new way of living, even different than the steps before.
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That was only the next step to the heart of God. There is still one more step to take to the heart of God, that is "the love of the Father." The love of the Father comes when we no longer love the things of this world. When we rely totally and completely upon God in our lives. We set aside all works of the flesh, and trust in God as our source for everything. God is our supply, and our supply is supernatural not natural. Then comes Satan to steal away all they have.
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Many believe they have reached the final step, but they still hang on to their system of supplying their needs. They seek others to help them supply their needs. They look for love offerings, they look for others who will give them what they need to do what they think God called them to do. This is not the heart of the Father, it is actually counterfeit, not of God at all. When God is our source, then money, and the things of this world are not our source.
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Jesus came to show us the Father. When Jesus saw a need to feed five-thousand men plus women and children on a hillside, he did not look to natural means. He raised His eyes up to heaven and prayed. Supernaturally, God multiplied the fish and the bread, and they were all filled. When we reach the heart of God, the natural things are not important, only the will of God is important and God supplies all our needs. God does not need people to do His work. People need God to do His work.

When we reach the heart of the Father, our whole life changes again. Once again, we are no longer the same, we still love the Word of God, we still love praying in the Spirit, we still seek the Leading, Guiding, Comforting, Teaching and Helping of the Holy Spirit. But our whole life changes, and the things of this world are no longer important. The only thing of importance to us is "Pleasing the Father." We live by faith, not by sight. We trust in God not in man. Everything we do is to please the Father.

How many Christians have reached the heart of the Father? How many Christians have gone all the way to the Father? If you have not, I would encourage you to seek to go through the process as fast as you can. Don't stop with just being born again. Don't stop with just receiving the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. Don't stop with just praying and seeing the power of God manifest. Go the last and final step "to the heart of God." Reach the highest position, the same position Jesus reached as the Son of Man on this earth. Let God be your Father and you be His son or daughter. Reach into the heart of God, where the Father has total control in your life. Where you live unto God,

and this world means nothing to you. Reach until you get into the fellowship of the Father the way Jesus had fellowship with God the Father. That is when the real life of God flows through you! If you study the Scriptures closely, you will find that it is when you reach the heart of the Father, that, “whatsoever you ask, it will be done unto you, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

When Lazarus died prematurely, Jesus, having reached the heart of the Father, **lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go** (John 11:41-44).

When you reach the heart of the Father you know your prayers will be answered. God will always answer your prayers. Yet, Jesus said, “unless you deny yourself you cannot be My disciple.” This is not particle denial, it is complete denial. (*The remainder of this part is left out of this mini-book*).

As one person I know would say, if you love God, “go for it!” Reach the heart of the Father!

CAUTION:

In each step of the way to the heart of the Father, Satan has a counterfeit operation. Many have fallen to the snare of the devil. Don’t be taken in by the counterfeit. The last two steps is where Satan makes his greatest attack. He has multitudes of Christians going around saying, “God told me!” Don’t listen to them. God speaks to you from your inner being, not your mind. Always know the Truth, which comes by the Word of God, not spiritual experiences. Jesus said,

**If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;
And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free** (John 8:31,32).

The Word of God will always set you free. Any other way will not set you free, but instead will be a snare and a trap unto those who go without the Word first in everything. The Word must come first, then the Holy Spirit will confirm the Word. God confirms everything to you from your spirit, not from others minds. You will know the Truth from your spirit, not from what others say. The Word must always come first!