

## April 10, 2022 – Why God Created Us – What God Desires From Us – Alan Telford

The Bible instructs us to *seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness* and promises that *we will seek Him and find Him when we search for Him with all our heart*. We often talk about the need for *us to seek God* but less about how *God is seeking us*. What is the thing that God desires most? In January I shared about the bride of Christ and how God the Father was seeking for a bride that would be worthy of His Son and the sacrifice He made for all mankind. Also, how Jesus is delaying His return, waiting for His wife to make herself ready. Jesus is seeking a bride that is ready for His return.

Today I want to share the purpose God has for your life and why He created you. While preparing God spoke these words in my heart:

*I gave you my nature and adopted you into My Family so we could fellowship together – Spirit to spirit. I created you for a purpose: to be my son, my daughter, so we could fellowship together.*

God wants our fellowship. God wants a family. He wants fellowship from His family. And He doesn't want a lesser fellowship such as He is already getting from angels. He wants fellowship from creatures that are *born* with His very own nature inside them.

When Adam and Eve rebelled in the garden they instantly died on the inside. Their spiritual light went out. Their nature changed from God to satan, from life to death, from righteousness to wickedness, and most tragic of all – **they lost the ability to fellowship heart-to-heart with the Father**. God has been working for six thousand years to restore that relationship.

God has always desired to dwell with His people in the same way a Father lives with His family. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, shared about this in Acts 7:44-50, describing how God was able to create a partial fellowship. The presence of God was hidden in the most holy place, available only once a year and only to the high priest. But at least God was now with His people. *It's a little like trying to hug somebody while wearing an inflatable sumo suit, or kiss someone who is wearing a face-mask.*

### **Acts 7**

*<sup>44</sup>Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as He appointed, instructing Moses to make it according to the pattern that he had seen <sup>45</sup>which our fathers, having received it in turn, also brought with Joshua into the land possessed by the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers until the days of David, <sup>46</sup>who found favour before God and asked to find a dwelling for the God of Jacob. <sup>47</sup>But Solomon built Him a house. <sup>48</sup>However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says:*

*<sup>49</sup>'Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool.*

*What house will you build for Me? says the LORD,  
Or what is the place of My rest?*

*<sup>50</sup>Has My hand not made all these things?"*

King David, a man after God's own heart, wanted to build a temple for God. The prophet Nathan told him, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you." But God had other ideas. Today we look at how God turned the tables on King David by not allowing David to build a house for Him, but rather how God Himself would build a house inside of each one of us so finally He can fellowship with us, heart to heart, spirit to spirit.

### **2 Samuel 7**

*<sup>5</sup>Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: "Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? <sup>11</sup>... Also the LORD tells you that **He will make you a house.** <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, **I will set up your seed after you**, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> **He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.***

This house is not built of brick and wood but of people made in the image of God.

### **Hebrews 3**

*<sup>4</sup>For every house is built by someone, but **He who built all things is God**.<sup>5</sup>And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, <sup>6</sup>but **Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are** if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.*

The New Testament writers greatly assist us in understanding this messianic prophecy given to King David by quoting from it not just once, but twice. Firstly, it is quoted referring to Jesus, but then also referring directly to us. This gives us confidence in how to properly interpret it. Compare these three verses:

*2 Samuel 7:14a "I will be his Father, and he shall be My son ..."*

*Hebrews 1:5b "... I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"?*

*2 Corinthians 6:18 "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters ..."*

Jesus is the *express image* of the Father (Hebrews 1:3). If we've seen Him, we've seen the Father (John 14:9). A point that is often missed can be answered by asking, *When did Jesus become God's Son?* The first part of Hebrews 1:5 tells us it was *on the day that He was begotten*, which we know from Acts 13:32-39 is referring to the day of His resurrection.

Jesus always is, always was, and always will be the Divine Son of God. But God specifies that *Today*, the day of resurrection, is the day that Jesus Christ rose from the dead was the day that the *Man Jesus*, became the Son of God, that He was begotten. Jesus in His humanity was *begotten of the Father, or born-again* on the day of His resurrection.

The exact same quote is used of us. Because we too can be born-again.

*John 3:5-7 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'*

It is not our flesh that is born again – it is our spirit. God is not the Father of our flesh but of our spirit (Hebrews 12:9). And the fellowship that God is earnestly searching for is not from our flesh but from our spirit. Because He wants spirit-to-spirit fellowship God had to change our nature to be compatible with His. He had to find a way to restore us into *His Image* (Genesis 1:26-27). And the only way for this to happen was for Jesus Christ to become a man, live a sinless life, die for all humanity, and then be resurrected from the dead – thus becoming a *Son of God*. And then to leave planet earth for heaven, giving Jesus the right to give the nature of His born-again spirit to *His Seed*.

Jesus became the grain of wheat that fell into the ground, died, and produced much grain (John 12:24). We are the harvest. When we are born again our spirit is resurrected from death to life. The Holy Spirit takes the nature of Jesus and implants it into our spiritual DNA. *Christ in you* is referring to the image of Christ, His nature, which now resides in your spirit. *Christ in you* is not a little Jesus living inside your heart, but the nature of Jesus Christ grafted into every cell of your spiritual body including your spiritual mind.

Finally, the Father gets what He desires – spiritual fellowship from humans, born-again with the nature of Christ, and able to give Him real family fellowship, spirit-to-spirit.

### **Action**

- Give the Father what He wants – worship Him with your heart (your spirit)
- Develop your spirit. Don't remain a spiritual baby. The older you are, the deeper the fellowship you can have.
- Read your Bible. Give to the poor. Fast on occasion. And pray often to the Father (*especially in an unknown language which is guaranteed to be a hotline direct to the Father with the added benefit of building up or growing your spirit. 1 Cor.14:2,4,14; Jude 20. The language may be unknown to your flesh, but it is certainly known to your spirit*)