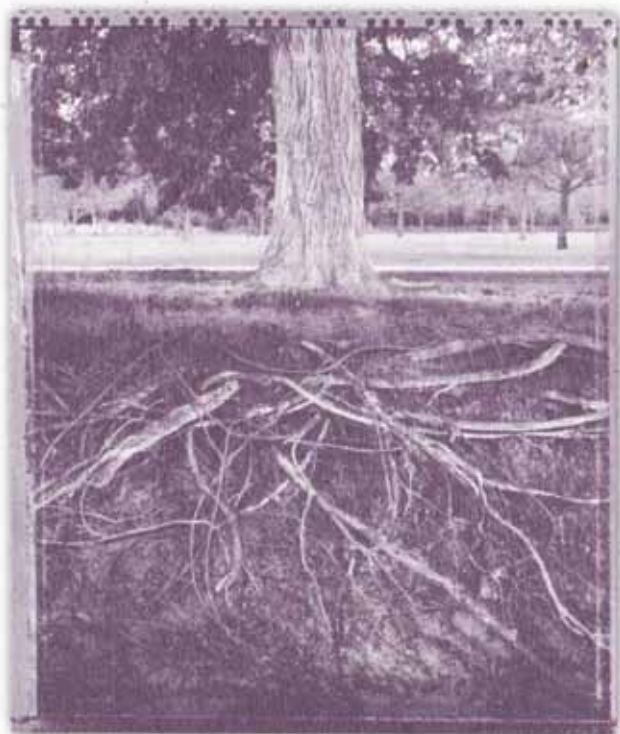


GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU



# God and You

## The Intimate Relationship

*His left hand is under my head...  
his right hand doth embrace me.*

Song of Solomon 2:6

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## How do you perceive God?

In comparison to Almighty God, creator of the universe, human beings appear so insignificant. God is often perceived as distant and preoccupied... 'way up there', taking care of the world, 'way down here'.

It is difficult to comprehend, but God desires a personal relationship with each of His creation.

*When I consider thy heavens, and the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? ...that thou visitest him?*

Psalms 8:3-4

## How does God perceive you?

**You are His prized creation.**

*...God created man in his own image... Genesis 1:27*

*I am fearfully and wonderfully made...How precious...are thy thoughts unto me, Oh God! Psalms 139:13-18*

God created the individual snowflake its own identification, each fingerprint with its personal stamp and **every human being, separate and unique**. When you brushed your hair this morning, did you know He subtracted every strand that fell to the floor? Jesus said,

*...the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Matthew 10:29-31*

Jesus emphasized the **value of one human being** when He compared Himself to a good shepherd. Ninety-nine sheep were safe in the fold but one was missing. He searched until He found it, then lovingly carried it on His shoulders to safety. He said:

*...joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over the ninety and nine... Luke 15:4-7*

**You are a living soul.**

*...God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul.*

Genesis 2:7

**The soul is:**

- The spiritual house within every person, designed for communion with God. It is where God desires to develop a timeless relationship that will continue after the physical body dies.
- The void that yearns, from birth, for its creator. Spiritual hunger is universal. From the primitive jungles of Africa to the isolated



villages of the Amazon, one thing is common. Human beings, unlike any other creation, have been discovered seeking to communicate with God. It may have been through the worship of rocks, trees, the sun... etc.

*... Jesus...cried saying. If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink... John 7:37-39, 4:14*

Only God can satisfy the eternal soul.

### **What hinders this intimacy needed to satisfy both God and humanity?**

Sin. A Holy God and a sinful heart are incompatible.

*...your iniquities have separated between you and your God... Isaiah 59:2*

The first man, Adam, sinned, severing his personal relationship with God. (Genesis 3) From that time, all human beings are born with a sinful nature.

*...in sin did my mother conceive me. Psalm 51:5*

### **God's love found a way.**

Even though humanity had sinned, God still loved them. He formed a plan to reconnect the severed relationship.

*Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life.... John 15:13*

Has anyone ever loved you so much they would die for you? Christ did!

*...while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8*

*...he was manifested to take away our sins... I John 3:5*



### **PERSONAL APPLICATION**

*...I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him...*

Revelation 3:20

**Acknowledge:** God loves you and is knocking at your heart's door.

**Open the door:** Jesus Christ is a gentleman. He will not intrude without an invitation.

**Invite Him in:** He longs to develop an intimate relationship with you: To be more than a casual acquaintance...a living room guest.

*He yearns to fill every secret room of your heart.*

## Every acorn contains an oak.

Each year, countless acorns fall to the ground to be crushed underfoot or to rot away. Amazingly, within each acorn is the genetic components to become a towering oak, if planted and nurtured in the appropriate soil.

From birth, every living soul has the capacity for deep spiritual intimacy with its creator. Unfortunately, most human beings live and die without discovering their divine potential.

**How has this lesson changed your concept of God?**

**How would you describe your present relationship with Him?**

**What are your feelings about deepening that relationship?**

**Identify anything that would hinder you from experiencing God in a more intimate way.**



## Let's pray together.

Let us thank Him for loving us so much. For creating a special place to commune with us...the soul. For suffering pain and death to remove the sin that separated us from Him. We will acknowledge our desire for a deeper relationship. Then ask for His leadership and guidance to develop the kind of intimacy He desires...

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Be confident and assured God loves you. He will not turn you away.

*...him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37*

## READING ASSIGNMENT:

God's love for a woman with a tarnished reputation (John 4:1-29)

Value of one (Luke 15:1-24)

God's awareness of the individual person (Psalms 139:1-18)



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