

**RELATIONAL THEOLOGY SERIES FIVE
WHAT INTIMACY WITH GOD LOOKS LIKE**

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I Jn. 2:12-14; Matt. 11:27; Prov. 3:32; Jn. 14:7-10; Ps. 73:25

Three spiritual levels are enunciated in 1 John 2:12-14. We see here not just a progression in spiritual growth; we see here a progression in depths of intimacy with God. There are different levels of spiritual maturity. There are different levels of intimacy.

Last week we discussed:

Children: Knowing Security and Peace with the Father

Young Men and Women: Learning Skills of the Christian Life

Mothers and Fathers: Experiencing Intimacy with God

We talked about how much God wants and desires to have a relationship with us.

Today I want us to get a feel for what Spiritual Mothers and Fathers might look like and act like as they express a deepening relationship of intimacy with the Father.

Of course, I do not begin to have time this morning to describe all the characteristics and dimensions of this relationship. We will just examine a few key elements. Also, we will basically key off of Christ's relationship with His Father as described in the gospel of John. By the way, I have given you many more verses than I have time to address this morning. You can read and reflect on them at your own leisure.

Spiritual Mothers And Fathers:

1. Are Securely Confident In God's Love And Acceptance

Matthew 3:17

John 6:27

John 8:18

John 11:41-42

John 15:9

2. EXPERIENCE DEEP INTIMACY WITH GOD'S OWN HEART

Psalms 73:25

Proverb 3:32

Matthew 10:19-20

Matthew 11:27

Luke 12:30

John 10:15

John 10:38

John 17:10

Philippians 3:10-12

3. VIEW LIFE AND EXPERIENCES FROM GOD'S HEAVENLY PERSPECTIVE

Psalm 116:15
Mark 13:32
John 3:31-32
John 10:30
John 14:28
1 Corinthians 2:11-16

4. SHARE THE CHARACTER OF GOD

John 14:7-10
Galatians 5:22-23

5. PARTNER WITH GOD IN HIS WORK AND MINISTRY

Matthew 11:28-30
Matthew 12:50
Mark 4:28-29
John 5:17-22
John 6:37-39
John 13:3-5
1Thessalonians 2:7-8

6. UNDERSTAND THAT GOD'S REPUTATION IS THE ONE THAT MATTERS

John 17:24-26

Let's experience intimacy with God. Let's experience Psalm 131:1-3.