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Jeremiah 50:5 They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.

Mark 10:9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

PERPETUALLY PERMANENT

These two verses remind us of the strength and permanence of His Word and what He set in place. A covenant, a forever thing that is and operates perpetually, forever and forever. The second verse is usually used concerning marriage but I think it's meaning goes farther – What God puts together, meaning you and Him, do not allow permit or let man take apart in any fashion or in any manner.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT?

Let me ask you a very important question. What is the most important aspect of God that you desire and is the most important part of your relationship with Him.

ONLY ONE ANSWER

There really is only one answer and that is <u>His presence</u>. To be in fellowship with Him and to have Him manifest Himself in your life, in your circumstances and situations. But the very highest point of our relationship with God is when we make a "connection" with Him when it is just you and Him, no list of things you want or need, no crying out for Him to heal you, but a simple intimate time of exchange from Him to you and you to Him. This point in time, if you would, carries a "sweetness" that cannot be experienced or found in any other part of life that exists. This is the point of "Connection" between you and God.

BY FAITH ONLY

Before we go one step farther we must establish that "connecting" with God is done by faith. Faith (belief and trust) in who He is and what He has said. There can be no question in these two things. God is God and what He has said it is the Truth and nothing but the Truth.

CONNECT

To connect is to knit or link together, to join, to unite, form a union, to bind (base meaning – oneness). The joining together without the loss of identity - God created you with your personality and quirks – He want to use YOU and add to you His gifts and anointing to do a mighty work through you to see lives changed and to see souls saved.

IT'S A RELATIONSHIP

Many people know about God and know of His mighty works, but have yet to form or develop a day by day relationship with Him. When He speaks we have trouble recognizing His voice, why, because we are not familiar with it not having heard it on a daily basis.

OBEDIENCE

In the parable of the sower, Mark 4:13-20 we find four situations in which each heard the word, each probably had faith, but in only one was fruit produced. I believe the key element in this story and for the whole Bible is so simple that we overlook the fact. We have heard this taught so much we simply cannot rationalize that it could be this simple, but it is.

Look at Deuteronomy 28:1,2 to see God's instructions which echo throughout all Christianity right to were you and I are at this very moment. This chapter relates to us the blessing of God and the cursing that ensues when this Truth is overlooked.

Deuteronomy 28:1 And it shall come to pass if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

Deuteronomy 28:2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

God simply said, it shall come to pass, "IF thou shalt harken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do" What is God saying, be OBEDIENT to the voice of God. Then blessing will flow to you, on you and around you. But IF you do not obey, then cursing will flow to you, on you and around you.

BLOCKAGES

Many things block or hinder our "connection" – relationship with God. These three are at the top of the list. They block our becoming intimate with God and having the relationship that He wants with us. They are:

1. <u>Unbelief</u> – II Corinthians 4:4 – A mind blinding spirit keeps us from believing the truth.

And we violate Hebrews 11:6 – We do not believe that God is and God said.

- 2. <u>Disobedience</u> James 1:22 We hear and we do not do This is a major problem in the body of Christ. Simply put, if you are doing right you are not doing wrong. But the bottom line is who determines right from wrong. It can only be God. His Word is pure and true.
- 3. <u>Hard heart</u> Over exposed and under responsive produces a hard, insensitive heart

If we love God then we will obey (keep) His commandments – John 14:15

SWEETNESS

The sweetness of the presence of God is what we all need. Why would God give me the word "sweetness"? I did some study and found it is used mostly in conjunction with other words, sweet spices, sweet honey, sweet savor of Christ. But the meaning is simply, FRESH. When we make a connection in our time with Him we will experience from Him exactly that , a

freshness of Him flowing in and to us. The following verse tells it all.

Psalm 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

I will see the path of life, I will have fullness of joy and pleasures evermore. What a privilege and honor being endowed with such a tremendous blessing from the Creator of all things. To be able to walk in life, joy and pleasures of oneness with Him.

THE FULL PRICE IS PAID

God brings to us all that He is. Jesus paid the price in full for us to have life in its fullness. The Holy Spirit lives within us and comforts, leads and guides our every step.

We must on purpose recognize the "connection" that God desires for us to have with Him. When train cars are hooked together one train car is moved towards another train car until they come together, bam, connection. A tight, complete, secure connection that will not be broken unless released on purpose. That connected place is when God's "sweetness", is experienced. This sweet presence of God is unmatched by any other happening, force, or stimulant in this world. Nothing even comes close to the love, the power, the wonderment of that moment. God wants to share that with us everyday, even multiple times everyday.

IT IS ALL ABOUT HIM

We must come to a point in our walk with God that we enter into "FELLOWSHIP" with Him just because He is God. Do not bring your prayer list, your needs, your intercessions, your warfare, just bring you and a desire to worship, honor, praise, and love Him. Because He is God. Not for what He can do for you but what can you do for Him by reverencing Him as God.

His desire is to have those special moments with just you and Him. God cherishes those moments and wants a continual exchange with you and with me forever. God wants to "Connect" with you today. What do you want?