

The Secret Place

God desires more than to be an acquaintance in your life. He desires to know you in an intimate way! He doesn't want you to feel like He is a distant uninvolved piece of your life. He wants to be the center of your life. How do you grow in our relationship with God? How did characters in the Bible do it? A key component to a relationship with God is what many have come to call the "Secret Place".

"One of the best kept secrets of our faith is the blessedness and joy of cultivating a secret life with God."
– Bob Sorge, author of Secrets of the Secret Place "Keys to Igniting Your Personal Time with God."

Why have a Secret Place?

Psalms 91:1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

The person who spends time in the secret place with God will be empowered by God Himself through the Holy Spirit.

Where in the Bible do we see this? For the whole story read all of Acts 10.

Cornelius – first Gentile (non-Jew) in the NT to be the first Gentile believer. Why he was noticed by God was because of his: devotion and fear (awe and reverent fear, like respect for a dad) of God, gave to charity, and he prayed to God continually.

Because of this his entire household was blessed and everyone figured out salvation wasn't for the Jews only but also for the gentiles (non-Jews), all because Cornelius was devoted to the Secret Place.

Cornelius -> Secret Place -> Many came to know Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit (v. 44-48)

How do I start having a Secret Place?

Matthew 6:6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

1) Go into your room 2) Shut the door 3) Pray to your Father

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

4) Read the Word of God (Bible) because it is God.

John 14:23-24 23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.

5) Do what the Word of God says when you leave the Secret Place.

John 10:27 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

6) Stop and listen for His voice before you leave.

Quick Tip: Your brain is bound to get overrun with things other than God while you are waiting and listening. Take a note pad and jot down the things that you are thinking about. They are probably important, and now you won't forget so you can get back to listening for the voice of God.