



Apologetics for Parents, Session #10

Topics Covered: Experiential Evidence for the existence of a Creator

- A) God created us for relationship with Him
- B) God invites us to “Taste and See” (experience Him)
- C) God promises us that “If we seek Him, we will find Him”
- D) Example: A friend’s experience
- E) Are you open to do the “30-day challenge”?

A) God created us for relationship with Him and to experience Him

- a. We learned in session-#8 & session-#9 that God’s existence is evident to all.



b. God planned relationship with Man (and you!):

i. History starts with mankind having a relationship with God

1. Genesis 3:8,9: “[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, ...Then the LORD God called to the man”

ii. History concludes with redeemed mankind having a relationship with God

1. Revelation 21: 3-4: “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. ‘He will wipe away every tear from their eyes ...’”

c. God knows that real Life and positive Change don’t come from knowing about Him, but by knowing, experiencing Him (by His Spirit).

B) God invites us to “Taste and See” (experience Him)

a. Psalm 34:8, “Taste and see that the LORD [God] is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.”



C) **God promises us that “If we seek Him, we will find Him”**



a) Jeremiah 29:13, “You will seek Me [God] and find Me when you search for Me **with all your heart**. I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore you from captivity.”

b) Acts 17: 27, “God intended that [mankind] would seek Him and ... find Him, though He [God] is not far from each one of us.

D) **A Friend’s Personal Experience (on August 23rd, 9am)**

Testimony:

“As a teenager, I was an atheist, but I was seeking purpose and meaning in life. I had heard about Jesus and just two days prior, I had asked Jesus to be my Lord and Savior.

On that Friday morning, I was alone at the kitchen table when this happened:

- 1) First, the closeness of God came and covered me. (It felt like a weighty presence of pure love and holiness).
- 2) Second, God the Father spoke these words to me (don't ask me how I knew it was the Father, somehow, I just knew), ***"(He said my name), I love you so very much that I sent my Son [Jesus] to die on the cross for you."***
- 3) Third, immediately after that, Jesus spoke to me (again, don't ask me how I knew it was Jesus, somehow, I just knew), ***"(He said my name), I love you. You are extremely valuable to me, no matter how much confusion is in your life. All I want you to do, is to allow Me, to make you the person, I want you to be."***

Since I had been a Christian for only two days, I didn't understand all that just happened to me, but I knew my life was changed."

E) Are you open to do the “30-day challenge”?



a) Are you ready to do a 30-Day Challenge to experience God afresh? If you are, consider doing the following.

NOTE: While there is no way to make ourselves righteous before a holy God by our own efforts, doing the below listed items will eliminate (or minimize) the static and confusion of life so that you can hear God better (“[God] who is not far from each one of us”).

1. Be serious and endeavor to do the following for 30 days:

a. Avoid all drinking of alcohol and taking illicit drugs completely (keep your mind clear).

- b. Unless you are married, avoid all sexual activity (which would include visual or textual sexual material). [keep your conscience clear]
- c. Put aside anything that you are aware of that would dishonor God (that is, seek to fully honor the 10 commandments during these 30 days)
- d. Close-off all mental and spiritual distractions: Television, movies, books, ungodly relationships and influences during this time.
- e. Replace the new available time with honest reaching out to God:
 - i. Prayer: Pray directly to God in a quiet place with has no distractions. Tell God you are setting this time aside to meet with Him, hear from Him, and respond to Him:
 1. Prayer is just talking to God about your life and listening to Him speak back to your heart and mind.
 2. God may correct us, but He never condemns us (that is, saying that my situation is unredeemable). God is in the redeeming business!

3. Prayer: Tell Him “God, if you are really for me, show me, and I will follow You”

- ii. Bible Reading (God’s Word to you): Slowly read:
 - 1. daily one different chapter from the Gospel of Matthew,
 - 2. daily one different chapter from the Gospel of John, and
 - 3. daily one different chapter from the book of Revelation
- iii. If you have any Christian friends who are excited to live for Jesus, spend time with them.
- iv. Spend time at weekly church services where they are excited about Jesus and His ability to change lives.
- v. Mostly, just tell God that you are listening and that as He speaks to you, you will respond. God has many things to tell you that will bring you freedom, life, purpose, and direction.

John 15:16 ***“You did not choose me, but I [Jesus] chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last ...”***



PS: Remember, we humans can be forgetful beings, even on very significant events, so immediately write down what God speaks and reveals to you by His Spirit during this time.