



"Life in the Secret Place"

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INTRODUCTION

When we read about the time Jesus spent here on the earth, we see that He often withdrew to the wilderness, or a secret place, to be alone to pray. Today we look at why our lives should reflect time spent in the secret place.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. EVERY HUMAN HEART HAS A SECRET PLACE

- Do you believe that every heart has a secret place? Discuss?

2. Read **Matthew 6:5-6**. What was Jesus trying to tell them? Why?

3. ABIDING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

- In Psalm 91:1, we read about "dwelling" and "abiding". Read Psalm 91:1 below and discuss what it means to "dwell" in the secret place?

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High

Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

- **Read John 15: 1-8**. Looking at these passages, list the reasons why we should abide in Him.

4. In today's message we look at 3 benefits of spending time in the secret place:

- Get More of Him
- Learn More about Him
- Become More like Him

5. Read **Ephesians 3:14-19**. How will we get more of Him? How will we learn more about Him? How will we become more like Him?

6. OUR LIVES SHOULD BE REFLECTIVE OF THE SECRET PLACE

As we say goodbye to another year, let your New Year Resolution be to schedule time with your Heavenly Father. Enter into the secret place often.

"Make it your study, before taking up any task to look to God, be it only for a moment, as also when you are engaged thereon, and lastly when you have performed the same. And forasmuch as without time and great patience this practice cannot be attained, be not disheartened at your many falls; truly this habit can only be formed with difficulty, yet when it is so formed, how great will be your joy therein!" "The Practice of the Presence of God" - Brother Lawrence

COMMIT TO MEMORY

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." **Psalm 91: 1-2**

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Share prayer requests, and commit to praying for one another until you meet again.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!