

Feeding the Savior

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Just this week I was talking with someone who was seeking a spiritual experience they felt they didn't have. I said to her, "The greatest need of the human heart is the need to be needed." Do you know why that is? The One who made us made us that way. He had a reason for it. It is because of a need in His heart. He needed you. That is why you were made. You were made to fill a need in His heart that nobody else could fill. This is the real meaning of life. This is what life is all about. And it is because so few people that understand it that there are so many restless, unsatisfied, and dissatisfied hearts.

I was talking with a man who for many years was our county judge. He had lost his wife. I said, "Judge, have you ever thought of what you mean to God? Not long ago, there was a boy in Venezuela kidnapped and held for ransom. To get him back, his father had to pay nine hundred thousand dollars. Was he worth it?"

He smiled and said, "I suppose he was to his father."

I said, "Was a ransom ever paid for you?"

"Yes."

"Are you worth it?"

He hung his head and said, "I am afraid not."

Oh, I wonder if there is anyone here tonight that a great ransom was paid for? I wonder if there is anyone here tonight that is so valuable that heaven poured out all it had in one great ransom to get you? Are you worth it?

It is one thing to believe that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. It is another thing to say what Paul writes:

"Who loved me, and gave Himself for me" Galatians 2:20.

I found a statement that helps me with this:

"The Lord is disappointed when His people place a low estimate upon themselves. He desires His chosen heritage to value themselves according to the price He has placed upon them. God wanted them, else He would not have sent His Son on such an expensive errand to redeem them"
The Desire of Ages, page 668.

Suppose we are down in Venezuela and meet the boy whose father paid nine hundred thousand dollars for, and say, John, your father thinks a lot of you, doesn't he? Suppose he should answer, Well, I don't know. Sometimes I wonder.

Did you ever hear Christians talk that way? Did you ever feel that way about yourself? Do you wonder what God thinks about you?

You are valuable to God. How valuable? Look at Calvary. He desires you to estimate your value, your worth, according to the price He has paid for you. And if you are not worth that, He got cheated. You wouldn't pay ten thousand dollars for something that was only worth a hundred. You wouldn't go down to the dime store and pay fifty dollars for something on the counter. Why did Jesus pay so much for you? Because you are worth it.

You say, "I don't see how."

That's the problem. We do not understand what makes us so valuable. Once you get hold of this, you can never be discouraged and suffer from an inferior complex. What makes you so valuable to God? He created you to fill a special need in His mind and heart.

You say, "That can't be. He has a universe full of people."

God, being infinite, has an infinite hunger. He created millions of angels, each one separate and distinct, to satisfy the various longings of His heart. And here in this world, He has made millions of human beings, but He never made two alike. You are different because God needed someone different.

Someone says, "Well, what would God need me for? What would He want me for?"

God wants you to be His friend. And the longing for a friend is the longing that only you can satisfy. He has a lot of friends, but none of them fill the place in His heart that only you can fill.

God has done various things in our human experience to try to get to us. This is what the relationships of life are all about. Husband and wife, parents and children, brothers and sisters, friends—all are deliberately planned by God to help you and me to understand what He longs to be to us and what He wants us to be to Him. He is the everlasting Father. He is also the Son. He said that who shall do the will of My Father the same is My mother and sister and brother. Christ desires to be to us all that any human being could ever mean to us. He needs you. And one of the needs you have is the need of satisfying His need; the need of knowing that you are that precious to Him.

Abraham was called the friend of God. God came all the way from heaven and came to Abraham's tent. Christ, the Son of God, communed with Abraham, and took Abraham into his confidence, and talked with him about Sodom. What did Abraham do? He counseled with God. God appreciated it. He wants you to

counsel with Him. He wants your fellowship. He wants your friendship. This is what He thinks is so valuable that He has paid this infinite price to get.

Once a person understands this, as he comes to God in prayer, he will be not thinking just of a list of things He would like to have God do. All that is all right. God loves to hear about all those things. He is interested in everything that concerns you. And the relations between God and each soul are as distinct and full as though there were not another soul upon the earth (*Steps to Christ*, page 100). But when you and I come to God with our list that we would like Him to do something about, He longs that we will stay with Him long enough to visit with Him.

Is God your friend? Are you His friend? Does God value your friendship? Does He love to hear you speak to Him in appreciation and worship? This is your glorious privilege. This is what you were made for.

I am a friend of the King. Religion is not so much now what He can do for me, but what I can do for Him. I am not talking about missionary work. I am not talking about evangelistic endeavor. I am talking about visiting with Him and loving Him.

Someone says, "Brother Frazee, you must think you are somebody."

Yes, I do. Since I have found this out, I know that I am a VIP. It makes me glad. It is for you too. There is no competition to this. Nobody is left out. But the need you fill isn't the need I fill in God's heart. I am not wedging in between you. Every longing I fill in His heart is a longing that nobody can satisfy. The place in His heart that you can fill is a place nobody can fill. He is infinite. He can listen to you as if you were the only one talking to Him. He can manage your life and talk to you as though that were all He had to do.

Revelation 3:20 is the great, climactic appeal of the last message to the last church, Laodicea:

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear
My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and
will sup with him, and he with Me" Revelation 3:20.

Jesus is standing at the door. What is He doing? Knocking. What does He want? He wants to come in. Why doesn't He come? Oh, He is waiting for someone inside to open the door.

We have read this verse many times. But I saw something in it that thrilled my heart. "I will come in to him, and will sup with him." What does sup mean? Supper is the time when we sup. We eat and drink.

Suppose it is about supper time at your house, and you hear a knock at the door. You look out the window and say, There is Brother Frazee. What would you do? Would you invite me in? Would you invite me for supper? Who would you expect to furnish the supper if you invited me in? Would you furnish the supper?

But you say, "Jesus doesn't need my supper."

You just don't know. You don't understand. When people hear that knock and look out the window and see Jesus standing there, they start thinking, I wonder what He could do for me. I wonder if He could solve my problem.

Jesus can, and He is the only one that can. But forget about your problem. He has a problem. While you stand there wondering whether you can make the surrender, He is hungry. If you have waited a long time, He has been hungry a long time. Not that He is so anxious that you give up this and that thing. He is longing for you to feed His hungry heart.

In Isaiah 58, we are urged to feed bread to the hungry. The hungriest heart in the universe is the heart of Christ. He is hungry for love and fellowship. He is hungry for yours, and nobody can take your place. He wants you.

“Our Redeemer thirsts for recognition. He hungers for the sympathy and love of those whom He has purchased with His own blood” *The Desire of Ages*, page 191.

Jesus is hungry? Yes. He is hungry for your love and fellowship. Once you understand this, everything else is secondary. You have one thing to live for—to feed His hungry soul, to satisfy His longing heart. What does it take? Your love, your choice, your desire to please Him.

He is at the door. He wants to come in. To do something for us? Oh, yes. He has some wonderful things to do for us. But right now, we are thinking of what we can do for Him. We can give Him some supper, the supper of love and understanding, the supper of fellowship. And if we will let Him in here, and feed Him here, He will soon let us in up in heaven and feed us up there. The fellowship here is the prelude to the eternal fellowship there. That is why He paid the price. He values us that much.

“I’ve found a friend, oh, such a friend,
He loved me ere I knew Him;
He drew me with the cords of love,
And thus, He bound me to Him.”

If there is one person here who hasn't know Jesus as your friend and haven't known that He wants you to be His friend, God would stop everything in this universe to get you. You are that dear to Him.

If there is someone here who once knew a fellowship with Jesus, but something has come between you and the Master, that is what the door is. If Jesus is knocking at the door, He is knocking at something that is between you and Him. If you have known that fellowship in the past, but you know that there is something between you and the Master, by God's grace, you are opening the door so He can come in. You are giving up everything once again that He may have all of your heart.

Each one is as precious to Jesus as though they were the only one in all the world. Oh, it is a wonderful thing to get the door open.

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