

Cultivating Your Personal Devotion with God

IN THE STILLNESS HE IS THERE | MATTHEW 7:7

June Bible Study Series

**One of the hardest things for most
believers to do is to have a
consistent daily time with God.**

My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up.

Psalm 5:3 (NKJV)

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.

Matthew 6:6 (NKJV)

“Unless we make time alone with God a priority, the other hours devoted to our busy schedules will be poorly used.”

**If you do not schedule
personal time with God,
God will schedule it for
you.**

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ELIJAH'S ALONE TIME WITH GOD

Lesson One

The Cherith Experience

A Place of Provision

I Kings 17:1-9 (NKJV)
Scripture Lesson 1

And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word.”
² Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. ⁴ And it will be *that* you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.”

So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. ⁷ And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “Arise, go to Zarephath, which *belongs* to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.

MOVING FROM PRIVATE TO PUBLIC

1. Personal devotion with God allows Him to prepare us in private for public ministry.

MOVING FROM INDEPENDENCE TO DEPENDENCY

**2. Personal devotion with God
allows Him to strip us of our
independence so that we totally
depend on Him.**

The name Cherith means a
"cutting" or "separation."

The Broom Tree Experience

A Place of Restoration

I Kings 19:1-10 (NKJV)
Scripture Lesson 2

And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.” And when he saw *that*, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which *belongs* to Judah, and left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, "It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I *am* no better than my fathers!" Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, "*Arise and eat.*"

Then he looked, and there by his head *was* a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank and lay down again. And the angel of the LORD came back the second time, and touched him, and said, “*Arise and* eat, because the journey *is* too great for you.” So he arose and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, and He said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” So he said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.”

The servant of God must always remember that, if Satan cannot defeat you through the things around you, he will try to conquer you from within.

**3. Personal Devotion with God
allows us to see God in a fresh
way.**

**4. Personal Devotion with God
allows us to bring our needs before
Him.**

**5. Personal Devotion with God
allows us to bare our soul before
Him.**

**6. Personal Devotion with God
allows the opportunity to refocus.**

“Be still and know that I am God.”
Psalm 46:10

**God always speaks loudly enough
for the willing ear to hear.**

**Your Greatest Achievement May Be
Birthed Out of Your Devotional Time
with God.**