

watched a rabbi the other day who is also a believer. you can watch it here on youtube if you are interested. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ndfJdCTkwI> i usually don't put much weight in the testimonies of near death experiences though i have no doubt many are sincere. however, this one touched my heart in a special way.

he spoke of how, after his return, God has him concentrating on the book of psalms even though he loves the whole bible. i think we all love the psalms. is that not where man's heart was poured out to God and God's heart to man? even God said that David was a man after His own heart. it's where worship and revelations are uniquely woven together. i think we would all love to be like david in their pursuit of God.

we are uniquely aware that we are a needy people. God's people have always been called that and we are no different. the difference is that Jesus has now revealed to us different priorities. Our God is preeminent. He knows our needs even before we do, and He knows how and when to deliver them to us. this rabbi said we should spend only about twenty percent of our prayer time on our needs and eighty percent on worshipping God.

the word says we are to enter His gates with thanksgiving and praise. we need to be in the gate before we may present our needs. even though we are all glad that monarchies no longer rule supreme, in those times people were aware of the honor and respect demanded when entering the presence. it often meant one's life, even as esther risked hers when she entered

without command. americans often too casually expect things. perhaps even demand on occasion. such attitude will never be rewarded.

we are told to starve our souls of the natural things of man. we are in this world but we are not of it. you really only have an audience of one. that one is God. He alone monitors our deeds and uses scales that are most accurate. He stands alone as judge of the living and the dead. let our words be few and our good deeds abundant. the tongue is too often used to slander or slay. let us offer it to God in worship instead. to please Him is our purpose.

oh, how we all long to be more like Him. we all stumble and fall short in so many ways. to deny it would be a lie. but praise God for the blood that covers while we transform. "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 cor 3:18 God wants many sons. Even as He created man in His likeness, our spirit being is being made into His likeness. day by day three things i pray. to see Thee more clearly. love thee more dearly. follow Thee more nearly.

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