

TITLE SLIDE:

The Pursuit of God

The Father's Pursuit

Deu 30:15-20 (NIV) See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.

SLIDE 1:

Building an Intimate Relationship with God

The Human Mind:

1. It studies concepts.
2. It gets information.
3. It knows about certain facts.

The Transformed heart:

1. It starts to worship God.
2. It experiences deep emotions.
3. It feels desires to do what God likes.

SLIDE 2:

Blessings and Curses.

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SLIDE 3:

God's Method of Working from the Outside of Man

BLESSINGS

For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

CURSES

But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

SLIDE 4:

THE CHALLENGE

This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to His voice, and hold fast to Him. For the LORD is your life, and He will give you many years in the land He swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

SLIDE 5:

Working From The Outside

Adam and Eve:

Gen 2:16-17 (NIV) And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it YOU WILL SURELY DIE."

SLIDE 6:

We Need Transformation

2 Pet 2:22 Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit," and, "A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud."

SLIDE 7:

We Are Less Than God

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SLIDE 8:

We NEED God

Before they sinned, they sinned for two reasons:

- 1. They were less than God.**
- 2. They didn't consult God before they made their decision.**

Once they sinned they had four problems:

- 1. They were less than God.**
- 2. They had a desire to keep sinning.**
- 3. They were separated from God because they were sinners.**
- 4. They had a condition that would pass through them to all their posterity.**

SLIDE 9:

External Motivations Versus Internal Relationship

SLIDE 10:

Getting Our Savior To Earth

Noah:

Gen 6:5 The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that **EVERY inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil ALL THE TIME.**

Abraham:

Gen 19:4-5 Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom--both young and old--surrounded the house. They called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them."

Israel:

Deu 9:5 It is not because of your righteousness or your integrity that you are going in to take possession of their land; but on account of the wickedness of these nations, the LORD your God will drive them out before you, to accomplish what He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Mary:

Luke 1:38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.