

A dramatic landscape painting featuring a stone path that winds up a rocky mountain. The path is made of large, flat stones and is flanked by mossy rocks and small trees. In the background, a massive, jagged mountain peak rises above a layer of clouds. A bright sunburst emanates from the top of the mountain, with rays of light shining down across the sky and illuminating the path. The overall atmosphere is one of hope and discovery.

The Ascending Path

Finding the Way Through the Wilderness

The Three Pillars of the Daily Walk

The journey begins not with a dramatic event, but with a daily commitment. Three foundational purposes guide every step:

1. **Knowing the Voice of the Lord:** Cultivating the sensitivity to hear Him.
2. **Obedying Him:** The active response to what is heard.
3. **Dwelling in His Presence:** The ultimate goal of fellowship and communion.



The Treasure That Must Be Mined

*If He wants all of us to know Him,
why does He make it so hard?*

God's wisdom is a treasure reserved for those who value it enough to pursue it relentlessly. The search itself imparts the wisdom needed to steward the treasure.

*Only those who care enough, to continue
the pursuit... will find them.*

*Those who do not have the experience of
searching out His treasures of wisdom
and knowledge, will not care enough to
keep them or live them.*



The Gentle Guide, Not the Doer

The Lord guides us, but He does not walk for us. He is the “Helper,” a gentle and humble guide who corrects our course rather than controlling our every step. This requires us to remain sensitive to His subtle leading.

He may use dramatic ways to get our attention, as we learned yesterday with the lion, but that tends to be the exception, not the rule.



Koinonia: A Fellowship of Fire

The journey is not meant to be solitary. Finding others with the same zeal for understanding is “like finding an even greater treasure.” In this fellowship (*koinonia*), questions are answered, and hearts are drawn closer not just to one another, but to the Lord Himself.

“Sometimes I would ask the Lord a number of questions before meeting with these friends, and in our meeting, my questions would get answered, sometimes even in sequence... I knew that He was my Teacher.”





When He Manifests His Presence.

There is a profound difference between knowing God is always with us and experiencing His *manifest presence*. This is the “sweet fellowship” that rejuvenates more than living water, where tears of awe give way to unprompted joy. It is what we were made for.

“Being with Him in His presence is like nothing else. This is what we were made for—to dwell with Him, to know His special fellowship.” —

History: Finding His Story in Our Story

The Bible is a history book, revealing God's purposes through His dealings with humanity. The study of history is a wilderness that, after a period of laying foundations, becomes a 'most wonderful promised land' of revelation.

"My purpose for studying history was to see His works in it, and by this, to know His ways better."



The Greatest Tragedy: A Relentless Love, Constantly Rejected

"God's relentless pursuit of man and His unimaginable patience and love for man, even though He is constantly rejected or ignored...
It's the most painful love story ever written, and it is not over."

Spiritual maturity begins when we move from being self-focused to feeling the Lord's suffering and devoting ourselves to bringing Him joy.



The Cycle of Ruin: Why We Are Doomed to Repeat the Past

The Problem

The saying is true: “Those who do not know history are doomed to repeat it.” Every spiritual generation tends to make the same mistakes.

The Cause

“The most prevailing reason is pride. The core of this pride causes every generation to think that they are better than the last one. We tend to think we are smarter, wiser, and definitely not like our parents, and this keeps us in the trap.”



The Commandment with a Promise

The Divine Answer

The Lord commanded us to “honor our fathers and mothers.” This is not about sentimentality, but about the humility to learn from those who have gone before—both their successes and failures.

The Promise

“It is the only commandment with a promise... that it will go well with us, and we will live long in the land that the Lord has given us.” To disregard the past is to guarantee a short-lived future.



The Liberation of Disillusionment

True hope often begins with losing our illusions. When our hope in people, even God's people, fails, we can finally place our hope in the only One who is worthy of our trust—the Lord.

“To be disillusioned means to lose your illusions. That is a good thing, but then we must replace the illusions with faith. True faith is always centered on God, not men.”



The Great Harvest: When All Seeds Come to Maturity

The end of the age is a harvest. All seeds that have been sown—both the good and the evil—are coming to full maturity at the same time. The tares (stumbling blocks) are reaped first, which will then leave the pure wheat.





Hope in the Shadow of Arrogance

The Paradox:

"One of the things that gives me hope in your generation is the profound arrogance that is now gripping it... Where sin abounds, grace does that much more abound."

The Logic:

Extreme pride creates the conditions for extreme humility in those who overcome it. God gives His grace to the humble, and there is nothing that can stop God's grace.



The Generation That Will Inherit the Earth

The Prophecy:

The generation that breaks the downward will be one that learns to honor its fathers and mothers. By overcoming the darkness of this age's pride, they will be the most humble, teachable, and wise of all time."

The Outcome:

"We are getting close to the time when the humble will inherit the earth. They will do this they walk in God's grace. Your generation will produce some of the greatest in the kingdom because they will be some of the most humble."





The Great Addiction

The Ultimate Pursuit: "It is written that 'God is Love,' and I learned that you could not learn anything about Him without loving Him more. That compels you to learn more about Him so that you get caught up in an ever tightening and ascending life spiral... There is nothing that will ever satisfy the human soul like knowing God." - Elijah's Attestation

The highest pursuit of all is to know Him.