



women
devoted to God
Lesson 13

Loneliness

Panel

More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ.

Philippians 3:8

Defining Loneliness

Loneliness in Scripture

David

Paul

Christ – Jn. 7:5; Mk. 3:21; Jn. 6:66-67; Jn. 16:32-33;
Isa. 53:3; Mt. 26:36-40; Mt. 27:46; Heb. 4:15-16

Hagar – Genesis 16:3-13

The Experience of Loneliness

Considerations - Isa. 59:2; Mt. 27:4-5; Ps. 142:4;
Ps. 27:10; Ps. 68:5-6; Jas. 1:27; Ps. 88:18;
II Sam. 18:33; Ruth 1:3-5; Lk. 8:27; Eccl. 2:20;
Heb. 13:5-6; Lk. 17:12; Ps. 102:7; I Ki. 19:4; Prov.
19:4; Josh. 1:5; Prov. 17:22; Prov. 15:13; Prov. 18:14

“Our hearts are restless,
O God, until they find their
rest in Thee.”
Augustine#

God's Will

My Will

*God makes a home for the lonely;
He leads out the prisoners into prosperity,
Only the rebellious dwell in a parched land.*

Psalm 68:6

Responding to Loneliness

What I Think – II Cor. 12:9; Isa. 58:6-11; Phil. 4:7;
Ps. 25:16-21; Ps. 46; II Cor. 4:7-18; Rom. 8:35-39;
Phil 1:6; Eph. 5:19-21; Col. 2:6

“If I make much of anything appointed, magnify it secretly to myself or insidiously to others, then I know nothing of Calvary love.”

Amy Carmichael

“So to possess the Lord Jesus Christ is to have every spiritual resource. All strength, wisdom, comfort, joy, peace, meaning, value, purpose, hope, and fulfillment in life now and forever is bound up in Him. Christianity is an all-sufficient relationship with an all-sufficient Christ.”

John MacArthur

“Right thinking about the gospel produces right living in the gospel.”

Michael Barrett

“If you will give God your heart, He will comb all of the kinks out of your head.”

Dr. Bob Jones Sr.

“Imaginations never include the grace.”

Elisabeth Elliot

“Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.”
Helen H. Lemmel

Where I Turn

Living as a Christian who is Single

Relationship with God

Philippians 3:8

“It is here, where we happen to be at this moment and not in another place or another time, that we may learn to love Him – here where it seems He is not at work, where His Will seems obscure or frightening, where He is not doing what we expected Him to do, where He is most absent. Here and nowhere else is the appointed place.”

Elisabeth Elliot

Hebrews 13:5

Relationships with Others

Accountability

Dating – Eph. 5:15-17; Ps. 25:12; I Cor. 6:12-20;
I Pet. 5:7-8; Jer. 17:9; I Cor. 10:12; Mark 8:36;
Phil. 1:9-10; II Pet. 1:3; Prov. 4:23-27; Prov. 28:26;
Deut. 4:9; Ps. 139:23-24

“The Enemy [God, in Screwtape’s reckoning] loves platitudes. Of a proposed course of action He wants men, so far as I can see, to ask very simple questions; is it righteous? is it prudent? is it possible? Now if we can keep men asking “Is it in accordance with the general movement of our time? Is it progressive or reactionary? Is this the way that History is going?” they will neglect the relevant questions.

And the questions they *do* ask are, of course, unanswerable; for they do not know the future, and what the future will be depends very largely on just those choices which they now invoke the future to help them to make.

As a result, while their minds are buzzing in this vacuum, we have the better chance to slip in and bend them to the action we have decided on. And great work has already been done. Once they knew that some changes were for the better, and others for the worse, and others again indifferent. We have largely removed this knowledge. For the descriptive adjective “unchanged” we have substituted the emotional adjective “stagnant.”

We have trained them to think of the Future as a promised land which favoured heroes attain--not as something which everyone reaches at the rate of sixty minutes an hour, whatever he does, whoever he is.”

Uncle Screwtape to Wormwood, *Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis

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Vacations

Reaching out

John 13:35

“If with courage and joy we pour ourselves out for Him and for others for His Sake, it is not possible to lose, in any final sense, anything worth keeping. We will lose ourselves and our selfishness. We will gain everything worth having.”

Elisabeth Elliot

*Grace for each day
and bright hope for tomorrow!*