

How close is God to You?
2 Chronicles 15:2 (NKJ)

1 Chronicles 28:9 “As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever. (NKJ)

What does God know about us?
Psalms 139:1-6 (NKJ)

Jeremiah 29:13-14 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive. (NKJ)

Notice when humans do wrong, their impulse is to hide
Genesis 3:8-9 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” (NKJ)

Isaiah 59:1-2 Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; 2 but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. (ESV)

Still, God seeks a relationship.
Luke 19:10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (NKJ)
John 10:30 I and My Father are one.” (NKJ)

If we repent of our sins and seek God on His terms, we can look forward to intimate fellowship with Him.

James 4:8-10 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double minded. 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up. (NKJ)

Exodus 19:22 Even the priests who regularly come near to the Lord must purify themselves so that the Lord does not break out and destroy them.” (NLT)

Malachi 3:7 Yet from the days of your fathers You have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you,” Says the Lord of hosts. “But you said, ‘In what way shall we return?’ (NKJ)

1 Peter 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, (NKJ)

Christians are not called to unceasing gloom but should grieve over the worldliness and sin that has overcome them.

Luke 18:11-14 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” (NKJ)

Matthew 7:7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. (NKJ)