

Why Becoming Like God Requires Special Effort

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We can walk with God and come into unity with Him by clothing ourselves in His nature. This will require that we restrict and control the desires of the flesh by putting our focus on obtaining the very substance and characteristics of HaShem.

In order to clothe ourselves with His likeness, we will have to excel in spiritual warfare—because we will encounter resistance.

Every day we face challenges from the world, our flesh and the devil. We must have kavanah (which is the Hebrew word for intention) that every day we are going to live with purpose by adorning ourselves with humility, gentleness, love and sensitivity to the Spirit. The more that we become like Jesus, the more we are going to know God.

“The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked,” (1 John 2:6).

To the extent that we harness the flesh, holding back our anger, frustration, words of reproach and accusation—the more we will be able to abide in God. We have to hold our natural impulses back. It takes strength. It takes resolve. It takes kavanah. Until we restrict the earthly inclinations of our carnal nature and instead willfully choose to walk in love, peace and unity; we will not be able to experience HaShem at the level He desires for us.

Let me ask you, how many times have you found yourself gossiping about people or speaking words of negativity? Beloved one, this will break your fellowship with God. If you will instead engage in warfare, by constraining your flesh and

choosing the higher ways of the Father, you are going to ascend in the power of the Spirit and enter into a relationship with God that is beyond anything that you have ever known before!

The more we limit our worldly tendencies and clothe ourselves with the Spirit, the more we will become like Messiah Jesus. This will necessitate a daily commitment, discipline and dying to self, but the ultimate goal of being transformed into His likeness is our goal and worth it.

“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 from the Lord, the Spirit,” (2 Cor. 3:18).

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