

# Chapter 1

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*... that He might sanctify and cleanse her  
with the washing of water by the word...*

*Ephesians 5:26*

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When we read the verses that surround the above verse we find that Jesus is telling husbands to love their wives, just as He also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the *washing of water by the word*, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be *holy and without blemish* (Eph 5:25-27). The washing of water by the word is simply to be washed by the cleansing power of God's Word. As we read the Holy Scriptures, they begin to wash us, and cleanse us, so that we become holy and

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without blemish. This speaks of the church body, and pertains to each of us individually, as we are His body and members in particular (1Cor 12:27). The Word changes us into His image from glory to glory (2Cor 3:18). The more we read His *Word*, the more it washes us, and our thought process begins to change (Phil 4:8).

Heavenly Father has placed in each of us, a heart to know Him (Jer 24:7). When we seek Him out, we will actually fall in love with the God of His *Word*. There will be a hunger to really *know* Him (John 10:14). How do we grow in the knowledge of Him? When we seek Him with our whole heart (Jer 29:13), by reading His *Word*, praying, and fasting. He promises we will find Him! Let's look at Jeremiah 29:11-14:

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the LORD...

That word *seek* {H1245} in the Strong's Concordance actually carries the meaning to seek to *find*, to seek to *secure*, to *seek the face*, to *desire*, demand, to require, exact, to ask, request. WOW! That's how He wants us to seek Him. If we simply seek His face, we will simply find Him. When I say, "Seek His face," I don't mean we are looking to find His face, but rather we use our God given

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imagination and see Him in our mind. As we gaze upon Him with our mind's screen, we are saying to Him, "I am here Lord, just You and me." Let's take a look at a verse that will explain this better. We find it in Psalm 27:4 AMPC:

One thing have I asked of the Lord,  
that will I *seek*, *inquire* for, and [*insistently*] require:  
that I may  *dwell* in the house of the Lord  
[in His presence] *all the days of my life*,  
to *behold and gaze* upon the beauty [the sweet  
attractiveness and the delightful loveliness] of the  
Lord and  
to *meditate, consider, and inquire* in His temple.

From this we can see the importance of knowing the Word. This one verse, where David was still alive, shows us that we can go from the earth to the heavenlies at any given moment. If we're focused primarily on the earth, we'll act as a mere man, BUT if we primarily focus our eyes on the heavenly realm, we'll act accordingly! Our spirit-man will be alive unto God in Christ Jesus (Rom 6:11), and able to see into the heavenly realm at any given moment, that is, if we are invited, as Daniel and John *saw* into the heavens. Let's look at those verses:

Daniel 7:13:

I was watching in the night visions,  
and behold, *One* like the Son of Man,  
coming with the clouds of heaven!

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He came to the Ancient of Days,  
and they brought Him near before Him.

Revelation 4:4

### ***‘John sees the Throne Room of Heaven’***

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.”

Both Daniel and John knew the Holy Scriptures. They were students of the Word of God, as we must also be (2Tim 2:15). Both Daniel and John loved God with **their** whole heart. They actually had relationship with the God of the universe. It’s impossible to imagine seeing God or Jesus without loving them both. We have all read or at least heard where God had said, “Thou canst not see My face: for there shall no man see Me, and live (Ex 33:20).” When I read this verse, I think of how we must *die* to self (Rom 8:13), if we want to commune with the Holy Trinity.

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