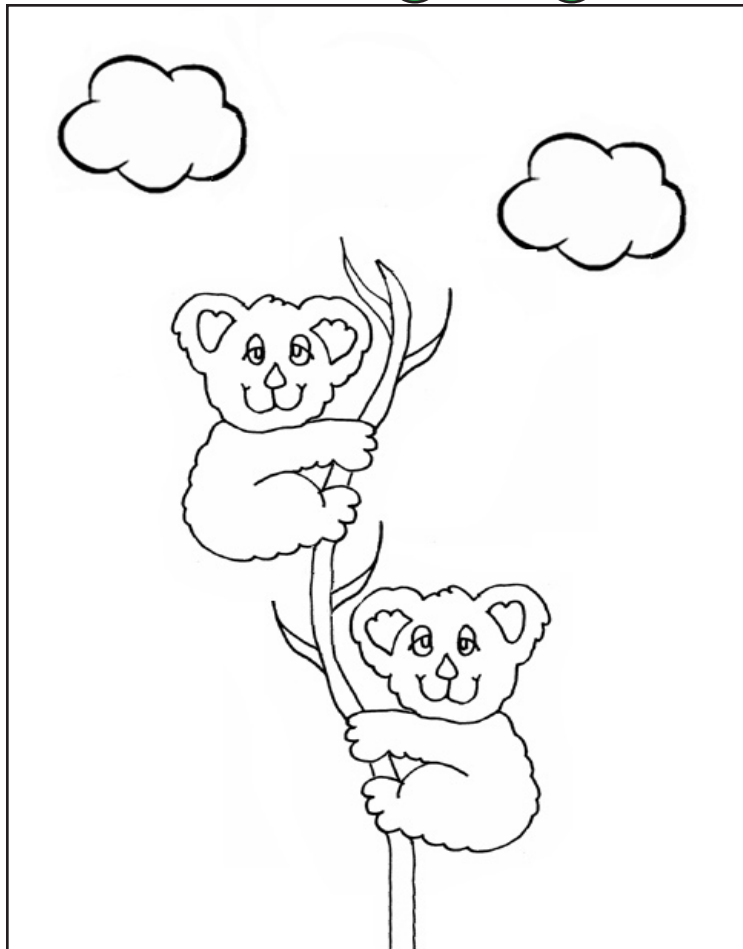


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God made us in such a way that we desire to have friends.

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Relationships in God's Creation

- Lesson Twelve -

Friends (5) Friends of God

I. Overview.

God desires to be our friend and He wants us to be His friend. Abraham and Moses were two persons who believed in God and were friends of God. When the Lord Jesus was on the earth, He called His disciples His friends. He also wants us to be His friends. All of His friends can honestly open up to Him and cast all of their cares upon Him. They can also fully trust in Him.

God created man with the desire for companionship. This fact



God desires that man would be His friend.

actually tells us something about God Himself. Since man was created in God's image and is therefore like a picture of God, we can tell that God also desires to have companionship. We can also see this from the Bible, which shows us that Abraham and Moses were friends of God. In the New Testament, the Lord Jesus called His disciples friends. From this we can see that we also should be friends of God.

II. Memory Verse.

“Abraham believed God... and he was called the friend of God.”

(James 2:23)

III. Lesson.

All of mankind has a desire for companionship – to have friends. We all desire to have intimate relationships with others. We have seen that a friend is someone who we can trust and who we can enjoy spending time with. This is the kind of relationship that exists between a man and wife and also between good friends. We also know that God desires to have this kind of relationship with man. All of us can be a friend of God in this way.

Abraham Believed God and was God’s Friend

Originally man had a very close relationship and very sweet fellowship with God. But because of sin, man’s relationship with God was damaged. But God provided a way for this relationship and fellowship to be restored. This way involves God’s redemption and man’s believing.

Because Abraham believed God, he was brought into a sweet fellowship with God. Abraham believed God and obeyed God. This pleased God very much. One day God came to Abraham in the form of a man. Abraham provided God water to wash His feet and prepared a meal to satisfy God. They spoke heart to heart – as friends.



Moses – God’s Friend

Moses was another person who was called God’s friend. While most of the children of Israel stayed a distance from God, Moses spent much time close to God. The Bible tells us that God spoke to Moses “face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend.”

The Lord Jesus called His disciples His friends.

The Disciples were Friends of the Lord Jesus

When God became a man and walked on the earth in the person of the Lord Jesus, He continued to have close friends among men. The Lord Jesus called His disciples His friends. He hid nothing from them, telling them all the things that God was doing for them. The Lord Jesus loved His disciples very much – even enough to give up His life for them.

In the same way God want us to be His friend. God is so open to us and His redemption has made a way for us to believe in Him and for Him to be so pleased with us. We can all be God’s friends.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. Who were called God’s friends in the Old Testament?

2. After man sinned, how can man still have a close relationship with God?

3. Who did God speak to “face to face?”

4. Who were the Lord Jesus’ friends?

