

FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD - 2



FRIEND OR FOE? - Jn.15: 13-15

I. Definitions:

A friend is someone who shares mutual affection with you especially one who is not related to you. A foe on the other hand is an enemy who harbors hatred or malice towards you openly or secretly. A foe is the direct opposite of a friend.

Originally, God created us for friendship - **Gen.1: 26**. Not that God was lonely and cannot do without us but God just showered us with His love and grace - **Ps.8: 4-6; Rom.5: 8; 1Jn.4: 19**.

II. An Example of Good Friendship:

A good example of intimate friendship in the Bible - David and Jonathan - **1 Sam.18: 1-4**.

III. Some Qualities of Good Friendship Are:

1. Friends love each other - **Prov.17: 17; Jn.15: 13**.
2. Friends share common traits and values - **Amos 3: 3**.
3. Friends share secrets and confide in each other - **Gen.18: 17; Prov.27: 17; Amos 3: 7; Jn.15: 15**.
4. Friends give and sacrifice for each other - **Jn.3: 16; 15: 13**.
5. Friends are loyal; trust each other and don't betray each other - **Prov.27: 6**.

Facing the fact - Are you God's friend or foe?

IV. The challenge from two disciples of Jesus:

Simon Peter and Judas Iscariot - They were both with Jesus throughout His earthly ministry. They both heard all the sermons and saw the miracles but whereas, in the end, Simon Peter proved himself a genuine and sincere friend of Jesus Christ, Judas Iscariot revealed himself a fake friend and true foe of Jesus Christ.

V. Conclusion:

Are you a genuine and sincere friend of Jesus like Simon Peter or you are His fake friend or foe? This Pandemic and Lockdown period just helped to reveal the true friends or foes of Christ. Please, take note that both Peter and Judas betrayed Jesus but whereas one was sincerely wrong and quickly repented to make amends, the other was hardened in sin and ended up in tragedy. We can be sincerely wrong too at times also. However, whichever way you might failed or disappointed God in recent times, it is NEVER too late to repent and return to God so long as we are still alive - **Mic.7: 8; Lam.3: 40**.