



SON OF HEAVEN

Disciples of the Son of Heaven

What does
it look like
to be
a disciple
of the Son
of Heaven?

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Scripture

partner with
the Holy Spirit
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increasingly
learn how to live
in and from God's
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Do not be conformed to this age,
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,
so that you may discern
what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.
Romans 12:2 CSB

Isaiah 55:8-9 CSB

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
and your ways are not my ways.”

This is the LORD’s declaration.

⁹ “For as heaven is higher than earth,
so my ways are higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

We are asking that
you may be filled with
the knowledge of his will
in all wisdom and spiritual
understanding, ¹⁰ so that you
may walk worthy of the Lord,
fully pleasing to him....

Colossians 1:9-10a CSB

And I pray this: that
your love will keep on growing
in knowledge and every kind of
discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may
approve the things that are
superior and may be pure and
blameless in the day of Christ....

Philippians 1:9-10 CSB



Make me to know
your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth
and teach me....

Psalm 25:4-5a ESV

“...he raised up
David to be their king,
of whom he testified and
said, ‘I have found in David
the son of Jesse a man
after my heart, who
will do all my will.’”

Acts 13:22 ESV

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“Come, everyone who is thirsty,
come to the water;
and you without silver,
come, buy, and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without silver and without cost!

² Why do you spend silver on what is not food,
and your wages on what does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and you will enjoy the choicest of foods.

³ Pay attention and come to me;
listen, so that you will live.”

Isaiah 55:1-3a CSB

“But as it turns out, in this business of the Christian life, ranking high among the most neglected aspects is one having to do with the reading of the Christian Scriptures. Not that Christians don’t own and read their Bibles. And not that Christians don’t believe that their Bibles are the word of God. What is neglected is reading the Scriptures formatively, **reading in order to live.**”

Eugene Peterson, from *Eat This Book*

Luke 10:38-42 CSB

While they were traveling, he entered a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who also sat at the Lord's feet and was listening to what he said.

⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, and she came up and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to serve alone? So tell her to give me a hand."

⁴¹ The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things,

⁴² but one thing is necessary.

Mary has made the right choice, and it will not be taken away from her."

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As we read the Scriptures formatively, we can expect that God will...

...renew our mind so that we can “discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God”

...identify structures of unbelief deep within our heart and help us cultivate trust and faith

...convict us of deep heart issues that are at odds with God’s will, then work toward our restoration

“But the seed in the good ground—
these are the ones who,
having heard the word with
an honest and good heart,
hold on to it
and by enduring,
produce fruit.”

Luke 8:15 CSB