Where Is God? Connecting With God

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I. Introduction

A. How do we connect with God?

II. We Can Connect With God Through Nature.

- A. Psalm 19:1-4 (NIV) ¹The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. ²Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. ³They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. ⁴Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.
 - I. The more we delve into the beauty of nature, the more it speaks about the wonder of God.
- B. Psalm 148:3 (NASB) Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all stars of light!

III. We Can Connect With God Through Other People.

- A. I Peter 4:10-11 (NLT) ¹⁰God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. ¹¹Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.
 - I. God <u>uses</u> people to heal us.

IV. We Also Can Connect With God Through Service.

- A. Matthew 25:35-40 (NLT) ^{35.66}For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me. ³⁷Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? ³⁹When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!"
 - I. Be where Christ is.

V. We Can Connect With God Through Study.

- A. 2 Timothy 2:15 (NLT) Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.
 - I. The <u>Bible</u> is there to <u>grow</u> us up in Jesus.
- B. I Peter 2:2 (NASB) Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation.

VI. We Can Connect With God Through Prayer.

A. Revelation 3:20 (NLT) "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends."

I. Invite <u>Christ</u> into the <u>conflict</u>.

VII. We Can Connect With God Through Worship.

- A. Psalm 22:3 (NASB) Yet You are holy, O You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
 - I. God comes to <u>dwell</u> wherever his people <u>worship</u>.
- B. James 4:8 (NLT) Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

VIII. Conclusion