

**Study Aids**  
Discussion items  
For “What’s the Message?” Lessons

Lesson 99

Items for discussion:

Our lesson topic today is the relationship man was intended to have with God. Recall what we said about this in Lesson Four. In Genesis 1:9, after Adam and Eve had broken God’s commandment, God call out to them and says “*Where are you? As if to say, why aren’t you here walking beside me, where you belong?*” Do you ever think about the fact that this is the kind of relationship God intended for us from the beginning? Isn’t this the same message Jesus was teaching His disciples? Recall also what we said in the previous lesson about Jesus teaching us to see God as our loving Father.

In his book **Follow Me**, Dr. Martin Franzmann cites Matthew 5: 44-45 *Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be the sons of your Father who is in heaven.* He then comments on that passage with these words: “The Father’s love is to the loveless shown, love to the evil and the unjust. Now, sonship cannot be claimed by man or won by him; it is always the gift of the Father. But sonship is not merely a thing given to man; it is a life to be lived by man in communion with his Father.” Now, restate this concept in your own words. What does it mean to you?

In this lesson we spoke once again about some of the false gods the world thrusts upon us. There are other false values the world attempts to seduce us with. Look at Matthew 6:19 –21, and Luke 12:15 – 21. What do these verses say to you about your relationship with God? Is this kind of attitude and behavior included in the warnings Jesus gave His disciples about their relationship with God?