

John xiv. 23, “If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him.” It is in this communion wherein Father and Son do make their abode with the soul.

John Owen, *On Communion with God* (1657), *Works* 2:11

Sometimes the Son only is spoken of, as to this purpose. 1 Cor. i. 9, “God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.” And, Rev. iii. 20, “If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”

John Owen, *On Communion with God* (1657), *Works* 2:11

It is most evident that Christians are but little exercised,—namely, in holding immediate communion with the Father in love. Unacquaintedness with our mercies, our privileges, is our sin as well as our trouble. We hearken not to the voice of the Spirit which is given unto us, “that we may know the things of the Spirit freely bestowed upon us of God” (1 Cor. 2:2). This makes us go heavily, when we might rejoice; and to be weak, where we might be strong in the Lord.

John Owen, *On Communion with God* (1657), *Works* 2:31–32

How few of the saints are experimentally acquainted with this privilege of holding immediate communion with the Father in love!

John Owen, *On Communion with God* (1657), *Works* 2:32

“Oh how happy are those who have placed their love on Him who can never be absent from them! They need but open their eyes, and they shall everywhere behold the traces of His presence and glory and converse with Him who their soul loveth. And this makes the darkest prison or the wildest desert not only supportable, but delightful to them.”

--Henry Scougal, *The Life of God in the Soul of Man*, pp. 53-54