

Walking in His Presence.

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Promises of God are Certain

Do you want to dwell in the presence of the Lord?

[Jer 7:1-7 KJV] 1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, 2 Stand in the gate of the LORD'S house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all [ye of] Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD. 3 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. 4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, [are] these. 5 For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour; 6 [If] ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt: 7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

[Jer 7:1-7 NLT] 1 The LORD gave another message to Jeremiah. He said, 2 "Go to the entrance of the LORD's Temple, and give this message to the people: 'O Judah, listen to this message from the LORD! Listen to it, all of you who worship here! 3 This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: "'Even now, if you quit your evil ways, I will let you stay in your own land. 4 But don't be fooled by those who promise you safety simply because the LORD's Temple is here. They chant, "The LORD's Temple is here! The LORD's Temple is here!" 5 But I will be merciful only if you stop your evil thoughts and deeds and start treating each other with justice; 6 only if you stop exploiting foreigners, orphans, and widows; only if you stop your murdering; and only if you stop harming yourselves by worshiping idols. 7 Then I will let you stay in this land that I gave to your ancestors to keep forever.

True Worshipers Dwell in His Presence. Are you a True Worshiper?

[Jhn 4:21-24 KJV] 21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 Ye

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worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth.

Be Established, Believe in the Lord.

[2Ch 20:20 KJV] 20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

How did they reach that point?

[2Ch 20:5-6, 10, 13 KJV] 5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, 6 And said, O LORD God of our fathers, [art] not thou God in heaven? and rulest [not] thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand [is there not] power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee? ... 10 And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not; ... 13 And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

The Spirit of the Lord Came up a Levite, Jahaziel and answered Jehoshaphat's prayer.

[2Ch 20:15, 17 KJV] 15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle [is] not yours, but God's. ... 17 Ye shall not [need] to fight in this [battle]: set yourselves, stand ye [still], and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD [will be] with you.

[2Ch 20:24 KJV] 24 And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they [were] dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

Let People see the light in you.

[Luk 8:16 KJV] 16 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth [it] under a bed; but setteth [it] on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light.

[Jhn 9:5 KJV] 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

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[2Co 4:4 KJV] 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

[Mat 13:58 KJV] 58 And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

[Heb 3:12, 19 KJV] 12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. ... 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

[Mar 16:14 KJV] 14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

God Has Provided a Way to Enter. God wants People in Heaven

[Heb 4:6 KJV] 6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief in the Lord:

[Heb 4:6 NLT] 6 So God's rest is there for people to enter, but those who first heard this good news failed to enter because they disobeyed God.

You cannot enter into worship when your heart has unbelief.

[Heb 3:17-19 KJV] 17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? [was it] not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom swore he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Faith Comes from your Heart, Not your Mind.

[Rom 10:10 KJV] 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

The father of a demon possessed boy was determined to get help from Jesus.

[Mar 9:22-24 KJV] 22 And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. 23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things [are] possible to him that believeth. 24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

Sometimes I marvel at my unbelief.

[Mar 6:5-6 KJV] 5 And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed [them]. 6 And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

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[Mar 16:14 KJV] 14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

God, You want me to Pastor at 65?

I learned Ventriloquism to capture the kids' attention.

The Holy Spirit does a much better job.

Unbelief stops us, Not God

[Rom 3:3 KJV] 3 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

Abraham Did Not Stagger at the Promise of God.

[Rom 4:19-20 KJV] 19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

[Heb 4:6 KJV] 6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

[Heb 4:11-13 KJV] 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. 12 For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things [are] naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

[Heb 4:11 NLT] 11 So let us do our best to enter that rest. But if we disobey God, as the people of Israel did, we will fall.

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God's Word

[2Ti 2:15 KJV] 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

[Jhn 17:6, 14, 17 KJV] 6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. ... 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ... 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

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[Act 4:29 KJV] 29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

[Rom 10:8 KJV] 8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, [even] in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

[Mat 24:35 KJV] 35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Trust Jesus Christ

[Jhn 15:5 NIV] 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

[Rom 3:22 NIV] 22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,

How Easy Is it to See the Kingdom through eyes of faith

[Rom 10:17, 20-21 KJV] 17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. ... 20 But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. 21 But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

God's Promises

Those who do his commandments have the right to the tree of life and my enter through the gates into the city.

[Rev 22:14 KJV] 14 Blessed [are] they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

[Jhn 14:6 KJV] 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Tonight: The Effects of Unbelief on God's Promises.