

The Presence of God, Your Treasure From God

Text: David had two important things from God he wanted.

[Psa 51:11 KJV] 11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

[Exo 33:16-18 NLT] 16 How will anyone know that you look favorably on me--on me and on your people--if you don't go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth." 17 The LORD replied to Moses, "I will indeed do what you have asked, for I look favorably on you, and I know you by name." 18 Moses responded, "Then show me your glorious presence."

Opening:

Have you ever overlooked being in the presence of someone you wanted to meet and talk with? They were in your presence but someone or something else had your attention.

You can be in the presence of the 11 am Inauguration through the internet or by tv stations

Whatever the cameras are focused on, we can see, but they won't see us

Introduction

What does being in the presence of the Lord mean

How can you be where the Lord is and not be in his presence?

Unbelievers will be punished by being cast from the presence of the Lord

Distractions from within the Presence of the Lord

Blessings in the Presence of the Lord

What does being in the presence of the Lord mean

My definition: The Lord always sees and hears us. We are not always aware He is near us and we can communicate with each other. We can see his glory if we look for it.

We are always in the Lord's Presence

Sometimes we are aware and sometimes we are not

Our faith strengthens our awareness

Our focus affects our awareness

Distractions affect the focus of our awareness

The Awesomeness of Whose Presence we are in.

[Psa 97:5 KJV] 5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

Do You Know Who He is?

How can you be where the Lord is and not be in his presence?

We are always in his presence but some of us are not aware we are in His presence.

Some Reasons

A Spirit of Fear

Adam and Eve hid themselves from the presence of the Lord

[Gen 3:8 KJV] 8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

Some are removed from His Presence

Judgement of God

Cain went from the Lord's presence.

[Gen 4:16 KJV] 16 And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

Unbelievers will be punished by being cast from the presence of the Lord

[2Th 1:8-9 KJV] 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

Avoiding the Call of the Lord.

[Jon 1:3 KJV] 3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

What About the Nation of Israel?

[1Sa 8:7-8 NLT] 7 "Do everything they say to you," the LORD replied, "for it is me they are rejecting, not you. They don't want me to be their king any longer. 8 Ever since I brought them from Egypt they have continually abandoned me and followed other gods. And now they are giving you the same treatment.

They heard but did not Listen

[2Ki 17:39-40 NLT] 39 You must worship only the LORD your God. He is the one who will rescue you from all your enemies." 40 But the people would not listen and continued to follow their former practices. (Those brought in to the Israel after the Israelites were removed from the land)

Sometimes God has to turn the light on.

[2Ki 6:14-17 KJV] 14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. 15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant

said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? 16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that [be] with us [are] more than they that [be] with them. 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain [was] full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

Sometimes He turns the light off.

[2Ki 17:22-23, 39-40 NLT] 22 And the people of Israel persisted in all the evil ways of Jeroboam. They did not turn from these sins 23 until the LORD finally swept them away from his presence, just as all his prophets had warned. So Israel was exiled from their land to Assyria, where they remain to this day. ... 39 You must worship only the LORD your God. He is the one who will rescue you from all your enemies." 40 But the people would not listen and continued to follow their former practices.

Distractions from within the Room

We can become disengaged when Someone or something has your attention.

Watching a football game or a movie

Something heavy weighing on your mind

Rebellion against God

[Zec 7:11-13 NLT] 11 "Your ancestors refused to listen to this message. They stubbornly turned away and put their fingers in their ears to keep from hearing. 12 They made their hearts as hard as stone, so they could not hear the instructions or the messages that the LORD of Heaven's Armies had sent them by his Spirit through the earlier prophets. That is why the LORD of Heaven's Armies was so angry with them. 13 "Since they refused to listen when I called to them, I would not listen when they called to me, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

Blessings in the Presence of the Lord

Times of Refreshing

[Act 3:19 KJV] 19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Moses wanted to be in the Presence of the Lord and More

Moses wanted to know the Lord's ways in order to understand him better.

If the Lord's presence did not go with them, Moses did not want to go.

Moses saw value in having the presence of the Lord with them.

[Exo 33:13-17 KJV] 13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation [is] thy people. 14 And he said, My presence shall go [with thee], and I will give thee rest. 15 And he said unto him, If thy presence go not [with me], carry us not up hence. 16 For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? [is it] not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that [are] upon the face of the earth. 17 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

[Exo 33:13-17 NLT] 13 If it is true that you look favorably on me, let me know your ways so I may understand you more fully and continue to enjoy your favor. And remember that this nation is your very own people." 14 The LORD replied, "I will personally go with you, Moses, and I will give you rest--everything will be fine for you." 15 Then Moses said, "If you don't personally go with us, don't make us leave this place. 16 How will anyone know that you look favorably on me--on me and on your people--if you don't go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth." 17 The LORD replied to Moses, "I will indeed do what you have asked, for I look favorably on you, and I know you by name."

God Wants us to be in his presence and he is full of Mercy and Grace

[2Ki 13:23 KJV] 23 And the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet.

In God's presence is Glory and Honor. Don't you want to be in His Presence.

[1Ch 16:24-27 KJV] 24 Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations. 25 For great [is] the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also [is] to be feared above all gods. 26 For all the gods of the people [are] idols: but the LORD made the heavens. 27 Glory and honour [are] in his presence; strength and gladness [are] in his place.