

The Presence of God Is Our Greatest Treasure

Every man created by God is always searching for something. Something they believe is important. Something they believe is vital to their existence and they believe will elevate their status and make their life worth living. As a result, every human heart pursues success, wealth, influence, education, relationships, recognition, or comfort. Yet after obtaining many of these things, countless people still feel empty.

The deepest need of humanity is not a greater measure of wealth, fame, or comfort, but the presence of God. The presence of God is where purpose is discovered, and destiny is fulfilled.

Unknowingly, many believers make blessings or success the goal instead of making God the goal.

- We seek healing more than the Healer.
- We seek provision more than the Provider.
- We seek miracles more than the Miracle Worker.
- We seek answers more than the One who has every answer.
- We seek a way of escape more than the way maker.

The greatest gift God gives His children is not merely what He puts into their hands, but His own presence. The physical evidence of this is Jesus Christ.

There is no greater gift from heaven to the earth than Jesus. When you find God's presence, you have found everything that truly matters.

In Jesus, we have everything. Amen!

Moses was wise enough to understand this. He did not ask for more miracles; rather, he asked for the presence of God. That is to say that *“God, I am not satisfied with your miracles; I want you to be with me”*

Exodus 33:13-15

After witnessing many miracles, Moses quickly realized in his leadership role that the experiences of miracles would fade, but that God's presence brings constant deliverance and victory.

When you have God's presence, you have everything you truly need. And without the presence of God, success is empty, ministry becomes labor, and worship becomes routine. My brothers and sisters, I urge you today to seek His presence more than gold, silver, or comfort.

What Is the Presence of God?

The presence of God is His manifested proximity, in which His glory, power, peace, guidance, love, and holiness become real to a believer.

According to **Psalm 139:7-10**, God is everywhere. However, there is a difference between God's omnipresence and God's manifest presence.

God's omnipresence means “God is everywhere and God's manifest presence means “God reveals Himself personally.

You will agree with me that many people know and believe that God exists, but only a few actually experience Him.

Why should God's presence be the goal of believers?

1. We Were Created for His Presence.

In the beginning, Adam and Eve were created to walk and fellowship with God. Before the beautiful cities, before the work and before the existence of kingdoms, there was fellowship. The first humanity assignment was relationship and fellowship. But sin came between man and God to interrupt that fellowship.

Genesis 3:8

God determined to continue the relationship and fellowship because it matters to Him; He sent Jesus to restore it. My brothers and sisters, Christianity is not merely about escaping hell. It is a relationship and fellowship with God.

2. His Presence Is Heaven on Earth. The presence of God gives believers a taste of heaven before it comes.

The fullness of everything your heart seeks after is available only in His presence. The fullness of joy, peace, satisfaction, purpose, security, and hope cannot be found elsewhere but in the presence of God.

Psalms 16:11

Notice that the Bible did not say "In your blessings, in your miracles or in your money." No, it says in Your presence, that is, in God's presence.

Nothing in this world can replace God's presence.

3. His Presence Gives Victory. Victory is not primarily about your ability. It is about God's presence.

The Israelites did not conquer because they had better weapons. David defeated Goliath because God was with him. Joshua conquered Jericho because God was with him. Daniel survived lions because God was with him. And the three Hebrew boys survived the fire because of God's presence in the fire.

"If God be for you, who can be against you?" Absolutely no one!

Romans 8:31

What are the Benefits of Living in God's Presence?

- **Supernatural Peace**

Philippians 4:7

The peace of God does not prevent the storm, but even in the storm, a peace comes that is beyond understanding. No one can explain it. It is far beyond human comprehension because it is the peace from God's throne. The Peace that circumstances cannot steal. And that is how we win our battles.

- **Divine Wisdom**

Psalms 32:8

There is no greater and better adviser than God. You cannot go into error or miss your destination when the Holy Ghost is leading and directing you. Living in the presence of God leads to wise decisions and clarity of purpose. God guides those who stay close. The bible says wisdom is the principal thing (Proverbs 4:7). If you desire wisdom that is authentic and supernatural, seek and live your life in the presence of God.

- **Protection**

Psalm 91:1-3

Divine protection belongs to those who dwell in the secret place of the Most High, which means in God's presence.

There is no guaranteed protection anywhere but in the presence of God. My brothers and sisters strive to stay in His presence, and I can guarantee you that you will be protected.

Protection belongs to those who seek and dwell in the presence of God.

Things that hinder God's Presence.

- Unrepentant sin.
- Pride. Prayerlessness.
- Worldliness.
- Disobedience.
- Unforgiveness.
- Spiritual complacency.

God loves everyone, but He cannot live in a filthy vessel.

In **Amos 3:3 (KJV)**, the Bible declares, *"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"*

You cannot find God in anything or anywhere that compromises His nature.

Anything competing for God's place in your hearts eventually denies or weakens your awareness of His presence.

Many people are trying to change their surroundings when what they truly need is to return to the Father's presence.

Today, I ask you to ask yourself these questions.

- Am I pursuing God or merely His blessings?
- Do I spend time in His presence daily?
- Is there anything stealing my intimacy with God?
- Does my life reflect someone who walks with God?
- If everything else were taken away, would God's presence still satisfy me?

Conclusion: Children of God, the Christian life is not merely about receiving from God. It is about living with God.

- The greatest miracle is His presence.
- The greatest blessing is His presence.
- The greatest protection is His presence.
- And the greatest victory is His presence.

May you receive grace to seek His presence rather than the things He offers, in Jesus' mighty name.



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