

God's Presence Makes a Difference In Our Life

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Key Text

Prov 8:20-36

This scripture speaks of the relationship between the son (Jesus) and the Father (God), and this points towards the intimacy that we can share with God. We were created to be in the presence of God (Psalm 114). When God created Adam and Eve, they had a physical awareness of God in the Garden of Eden, until sin corrupted the situation. Even though our sinfulness may make us feel as though God doesn't want to be with us, the story of the prodigal son tells us that God always desires to be with us. The favour of God is never held from us.

The manifest presence of God is when God is invited to come and be with us in a tangible manner, as compared to the omnipresence of God where He is not bound by space or time.

Exo 33:12-16

The presence of God is what will distinguish you from your peers in your community.

Psa 139:7; Psa 16:11; Psa 2:1-5

We cannot hide from God's presence and that God's presence is joyful, because He is joyous. He is so powerful that anything else is futile in comparison. He protects us.

Heb 9:11-28; Psa 31:20

Through the blood of Christ, we are made holy before God and therefore we can boldly approach the throne of God. Even though the devil may accuse us, it doesn't deny us from God's presence.

Psa 89:15-16; Exo 16:1-36; Psa 20:1

We are sons and daughters of God and He will be what we need Him to be, whenever we need Him to be it. Whatever we need, God will provide for us. When we live in a position of rejoicing in God, we will be in His presence. God provided for the Israelites in the desert and catered for their needs.

When God's presence is manifest, His nature is tangible. God first loved us, before we loved Him.

Why do we need the presence of God [Hos 6:1-3]?

1. Return to the Lord.
2. Acknowledge the Lord
3. Persist with God (Phil 3:13)

What happens in the presence of God?

1. Healing
2. Restoration
3. Refreshing

Isa 45:8; Isa 55:8-11; Isa 55:1-3

We don't have to buy or sacrifice to earn God's presence. He strongly desires to be with us.