



## The Presence of God

We always hear about the presence of God. What is the presence of God? I'm going to show you what the presence of God is. The presence of God is the Word of God. God is one with His Word.

I believe there is a misunderstanding of what I believe it really is. It is not a quiet room although it would be helpful. It is not being in a certain location physically. We can be in the presence of the Lord without a being in a private quiet room or such.

### Secret place

Psalm 91:1 *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*

Psalm 31:20 *Thou shalt **hide** them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.*

- a) How do you dwell in your room as the presence of God? If being alone in your room is being in the presence of God, it means you cannot depart from your room, or you will no longer be in His presence, yet we are told to dwell in His presence.
  - i) His presence is not a physical place, a geographical location such as a mountain, holy land, church building as we have traditionally thought and been told. There is more to it.
- b) His secret place (Psalm 91:1) is His presence (Psalm 31:20). We are to dwell and abide in this place. How do we do that? By being in the Word. Once we get in the Word; we have stepped into a place of His presence and safety.
- c) **Hide**—Thy word have I **hid** in my heart (Psalm 119:11).
  - i) Proverbs 2:1 *My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and **hide** my commandments with thee;*

- d) The Word or His presence is a safe harbor from the pride of man and strife of tongues. If we are in pride and strife we are not in His presence—in His Word.
  - i) Being in the Word does not mean being in the Bible. It would not be practical to be in the Bible non-stop, and people could not walk in it, and they could not get the benefit of it because they are not walking in it.
  - ii) Being in the Word—is many things which include: Studying the Word, praying in the Spirit, speaking the Word, Listening to the Word, Worshipping in Music that is Word based, meditation on the Word.
  - iii) Being in His Word = being in His presence. His presence—in His Word:

1 Chronicles 16:27 *Glory and honour are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place.*

- a) Glory and honor
- b) Strength
- c) Gladness

No flesh

1 Corinthians 1:29 *That no flesh should glory in his presence.*

If we are glorying or boasting in ourselves, we are not in the presence of God.

- i) No man should glory in His presence. Notice that if we are boasting in ourselves, we are not in His presence (Verse 29). We have left it. We have left the Word. We have not gotten a revelation of Him or else we would not glory. He is the one that chooses those who do not qualify.
  - o In the presence of God there is no glorying. It's more like WOW, God, You are good! You are awesome, Wow, Wow! If you are boasting in your own self, you are in the presence of self.

If we are glorying in ourselves, we have departed from the Word—His Presence.

2Th 1:9 *Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;*

- a) Not being in the presence of the Lord is being absent from His glory and power.

- b) When we leave the presence, we exposed ourselves to punishment and destruction (John 10:10).
  - i) There is a difference between the **appearance of the Lord** and the **presence of the Lord**. Many people have seen the appearance of the Lord but have not seen the presence of the Lord.

*Jud 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,*

- a) The Presence of God of God is His Glory, but His glory is revealed is through His Word.
- b) His presence is also identified with exceeding joy.

*Psalm 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.*

In His Presence:

- a) You find the path of life—your life. Do you need direction or path for your life? Look nowhere else.
- b) Fulness of Joy. Not some or half of it. Full joy
- c) Pleasures evermore. Pleasure is not found in partying, explicit sex, or the World. There is a difference between pleasure of the World and that of the Kingdom of God. The World offers pleasure for a little bit, while that of the Lord is forever more. It is unending.

Living in the presence of the Lord is living in the Word. The Word is the presence of God. It is the Word that creates the environment of His presence.