

Pursuit of His Presence

Priority of His Presence — Daily

Gen 3:8 NKJ And they heard the sound 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 among the trees of the garden.

Living In His Presence

Gen 17:1 NKJ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I *am* Almighty God; walk **before Me** and be blameless.

“Walk in love...”

Necessity of His Presence

Exod 33:9 NKJ And it came to pass, **when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle,** and *the LORD* talked with Moses. **10** All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man *in* his tent door. **11** So **the LORD spoke to Moses face to face,** as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.

NIV 15 Then Moses said to him, “If your **Presence** does not go with us, do not send us up from here. **16** How will

anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? **What else will distinguish** me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

Impact of His Presence

Exod 34:29 NKJV Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that **the skin of his face shone** while he talked with Him. **30** So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, **the skin of his face shone**, and they were afraid to come near him.

33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. **34** But whenever Moses went in **before** the LORD to speak with Him, **he would take the veil off** until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded. **35** And whenever the children of Israel saw the **face** of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

2 Cor 3:13NIV We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. **14** But their minds were made dull, for **to this day the same veil remains** when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. **15** Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. **16** But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we, who with **unveiled faces** all **reflect the Lord's glory**, are being **transformed** into his likeness with **ever-increasing glory**, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

NKJV But we all, with unveiled face, **beholding** as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image **from glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Entering His Presence

Ps 16:11 NKJ **In Your presence is fullness of joy;**
At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

Ps 27:8 NKJ *When You said, "Seek My face,"*
My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."

Ps 95:1 KJV O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

2 **Let us come before his presence** with **thanksgiving**, and make a **joyful noise** unto him with psalms.

3 For the LORD *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Ps 100:1 NKJ Make a **joyful shout** to the LORD, all you lands!

2 Serve the LORD with **gladness**;

Come before His presence with **singing**.

Know that the LORD, He *is* God;

It is He *who* has made us, and not we ourselves;

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

4 **Enter into His gates with thanksgiving**,

And into **His courts with praise**.

Be **thankful** to Him, *and* **bless** His name.

5 For the LORD *is* good;

His mercy *is* everlasting,
And His truth *endures* to all generations.

Restoration of His Presence

Matt 18:19–20 NIV 19 “Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth **agree** about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. **20** For where two or three come together in my name, there **am I with (in the midst of, among) them.**”

Matt 28:20 NIV and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely **I am with you always**, to the very end of the age.”

Matt 11:28–30 NIV 28 “**Come to me**, all you who are weary and burdened, and **I will give you rest.** **29** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will **find rest for your souls.** **30** For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

MESSAGE “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. **29** Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. **Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.** I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. **30** Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”