

Living in His Manifested Presence (*iLIMP*)

The Importance of God's Presence pt1

Exodus 33:1-17



Omnipresence

- The unlimited presence of God in all places at all times. In other words there is nowhere in the universe that lies beyond the cognition and care of God
- *Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?* Ps 139:7
- *Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD Jer 23:24.*

God's Presence

- An initiated endeavor by God himself to personally ***engage and dwell*** among those that are his people/Children of God

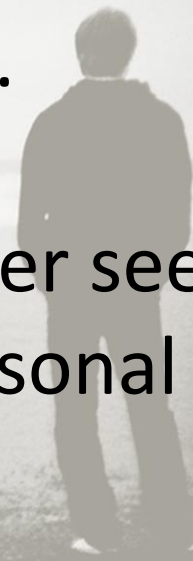
- *...lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age*
Matt 28:20b

- *Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."*

Deut 31:6

- **Manifested Presence**

- In this instance God **reveals/uncovers** himself to his people.
- God allows us to either see or understand his generous and personal attributes of who He IS



Why is understanding God's presence so Important?

- God's presence is always influencing and affecting the Christian whether we are aware of him or not!
- However when we are aware of His Presence:
 1. *It usually **prohibits** us from doing the wrong thing...or*
 2. *It **propels** us to do the right thing*

A. What does it mean to “Come Into His Presence”?

- As a believer we are simply responding to the reality of God's standing “**INVITATION**” to meet Him on His terms “*face to face*”.

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Defining “**PRESENCE**” –

Paniym (paw-neem)

- **Means: face, countenance presence**

1. Before the face

2. Front-side; typically the head or face

3. In front of; in full view of



A. God Desires a Face to Face Encounter with his Creation

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1. Hagar

- *Hagar thought, "Have I really seen God and lived to tell about it?" So from then on she called him, "The God Who Sees Me." (CEV) Gen 16:13*

1. Abraham

- 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
3Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with *him*... Gen 17:1,3a

1. Jacob

- *So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." Gen 32:30*

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1. Paul

- *As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. ⁴ Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"⁵ And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads."⁶ So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." Acts 9:3-6*

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1. His People

- *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. Rev 3:20*

A. Without His Presence there is no real distinction between Christians and Sinners

B. God's Presence in our lives is the major feature that separates us from the Sinner



A. When We Sin (Disobey)...God doesn't Remove His presence:

1. He removes His Awareness...He may even step back giving you some distance

2. Which normally causes us to remove ourselves from His presence



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