



It Is Time to Reveal His Presence



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When the children of Israel lived in the wilderness, they literally dwelled in the presence of the Lord continually. His presence was physically visible to them (Exodus 40:38). This aspect of dwelling in God's presence is something we focus on. We so deeply desire to have a similar experience of living in His presence that sometimes we forget the other aspects of the wilderness experience. It is important for us to understand that they not only lived in the presence of the Lord, but they also carried His presence with them (Numbers 10:33-34; Deuteronomy 10:8). When you read the Scriptures, you realize that the nations of that day associated the Hebrew people with the presence of the Lord (Deuteronomy 28:9-10; Joshua 2:9-11). The nations could see the pillar of fire, but they could also see that the people themselves transported the Lord wherever He wanted to go. Wherever God led them to go, they carried Him.



You Carry His Presence

When you say, "I really want to live in the presence of the Lord," take a few steps back and get a bigger picture of your life. That is what the other nations did with Israel at the time. They recognized Israel as a people who carried the presence of the Lord. And as believers in Christ, we carry the presence of the Lord. We are the ark of God. What Christ inaugurated for us through the veil, which was His flesh, was the ability for God to enter into man so that His dwelling could be with us (Hebrews 10:19-20; Revelation 21:3). Christ broke down the dividing wall. He opened the door so that God's presence could dwell within us (Ephesians 2:13-15; Romans 8:9-11). We must realize that this provision exists, and to whatever degree we have obtained it, it is a reality that God dwells within us. Christ and the Father are taking up their abode within us (John 14:23). The world will see and know the Lord because we carry His

presence with us wherever He wants to go in the earth. It is something we can do every day, whether we are driving our car, attending school, or working at our job.

The Lord is saying, “Start relating to yourself as someone who carries the presence of God. We have an anointing because of the glory that rests upon us by virtue of Christ (John 17:22; 2 Corinthians 3:18). We need to make a commitment in our minds and hearts that we will begin revealing His glory more. We need to allow it to flow out from us. We have become very adept at hiding the presence of the Lord; we are able to camouflage Him. Somehow we must take the wraps off and let Him start showing. We must start expressing ourselves because there is something in us to be expressed. As we free ourselves to be ourselves and allow what we are to be expressed, God’s presence is what will be revealed. However, as long as we follow what the world dictates on how we should look and behave, we hide the fact that we are the ark of God. We need to simply have the confidence that God will be seen in us, even if we are just being ourselves. We need the full assurance in our minds that His presence will come forth out of what we are.



Reveal Him!

We often say, “We need the presence of the Lord. Please God, appear to us!” God wants more than to only appear to you. What He is really interested in is appearing through you to the world. We need to open our hearts to that. When we cry, “Lord, appear to us! We need to see You!” His response is, “You have seen Me more than you realize. The world needs to see Me, and they will only see Me through you.” We need to believe this, give ourselves to it, and determine to let Him be seen through us. We must have the confidence that people will be drawn to us because we let the Lord be seen in us. Of course, there will be those who are not drawn to us because they do not like God. People may get angry at us, but that is part of what happens when God is revealed. Everyone wants to be liked, but some people do not like the Lord, and if you are revealing Him, they will not like you either (Luke 10:16). We cannot let that stop us.

If you are really allowing the Lord to be seen, people who want to walk with God will be drawn to you. That does not mean that everyone will come in to be part of your church. Your focus should not be looking for people to join your group. Instead, look for people to walk with God. When people walk with God, He will lead them into everything He has for them. It is time to let the light of His presence shine. Does trying this make you nervous? Many Christians have a real block in their thinking about it, so we need to open up to the Lord and believe that things will change. It is time that we open our hearts to the reality that we carry God's presence. A passage of Scripture in John 17 gives us a real picture of this.

“The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

JOHN 17:22-26



He Has Given Us His Glory

In the wilderness, the glory of God not only rested over the ark of the covenant, but it also rested over the people. The people carried that glory. They were identified with the glory of

God's presence. And that is what Christ said: "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one." Of this oneness He said, "That the world may know that You sent Me." In the Greek, it reads, "That the world may continually know that You sent Me." The greatest witness of the reality of Christ comes because we have the glory of God resting on us. As we carry the presence of God, His glory welds us into a unit and people will see that. They will be drawn to us because of our oneness and love and how we work and relate together as the family of God. That oneness is synonymous with God's glory, and it rests upon us as believers in Christ. When others observe us ministering to one another, continually coming together to stimulate one another to love and good works, they will see that God sent Christ into the world (Hebrews 10:24). They will see the reality of Christ's prayer: "You ... loved them, even as You have loved Me" (John 17:23).

Christ continued to emphasize this glory. "Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world" (John 17:24). Here He is talking about the glory with which He was sent to earth as Immanuel, God with us (Matthew 1:23). He is also talking about entering into another level of the glory that He was to receive as His reward, being seated at the right hand of the Father (Ephesians 1:19-20, 2:5-6). "Although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; and I have made Your name known to them" (John 17:25). The world does not know the Father yet, but they know that the Father sent Christ to the earth. The purpose of the Father sending Christ is that we know Him, not just dwell in His presence. Our knowing the Father comes out of this process of Christ dwelling in us, making the Father's name known to us. In the Scriptures, a name is the person. To know the name of God is to know God, because His name is the expression of who and what He is (Exodus 3:13-14). So when Christ makes known the name of God to us, He is literally unfolding the knowledge of God to us. "I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them" (John 17:26).





Remove the Camouflage

What are we looking for as we seek God's presence? I believe what we need is a greater perception of what He is doing in us and a recognition that the glory of God resting on us has a purpose: that the world might believe and continually have the knowledge that the Father sent Christ. God's glory was a continual reality for the children of Israel in the wilderness. Wherever they went, they carried the presence of the Lord. Wherever they traveled, the people there had a continuous knowledge that God was with them. That is what God is doing today. He is unfolding Himself to the world. He is making His presence known. In His inner workings, Christ is unfolding the name of Him who sent Him. He is continually welding us into a unit and giving us the desires of our heart (Psalm 37:4). It all comes out of this simple foundation that we carry God's presence into the earth.

We have one simple prayer: "Lord, make us willing to remove the camouflage that hides us." There are many things that we are going after, but this is what He is after. This needs to be very real to us. He wants a people who will reveal Him to the earth, and we need to be that people. It is not a matter of what you say, it is who you are. His presence is already resting upon you. Step back and look at the children of Israel in the wilderness. You will see the glory covering the entire people and moving with them as a whole. This is the same glory resting on you and residing in you. What you desire is already being unfolded to you, but you must take down your walls and say, "Lord, I am willing to be one who carries Your presence, in order that You may be revealed to the earth." Do you really know in your heart that this is true? There is something that we have, and in full assurance of faith we give our hearts to revealing it, to letting it show. As the Body of Christ let us find the ways, let us create the activities that will express who we are. Let us somehow be that winsome expression of evangelism that is effective. We may not want people to see us, but we cannot keep camouflaging God's presence because we are afraid that people will see us. When they do see us, they will see Him. Lord, You are wooing us into something that we have been reluctant and resistant to do. Help us with this.

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