



## Seek His Presence

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“If you will diligently and urgently seek My face with all your heart instead of only looking for me to manifest outwardly, I will release you into a place of freedom and rest. This inward connection is where faith is born; it is the place where prayer is answered. Come and commune with Me in the secret place, which is even hidden from all trouble and stress. Come into My rest, says the Lord, and let Me establish you in peace and joy.”

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*But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.*

Matthew 6:6

*For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him. Hebrews 11:6.*

My reward is to find him! To love Him more! To be more intimate with Him! To know Him more! To see Him! To have encounters with Him! To see Him face to face! To see Him high and lifted up!

1. At some point in the Christian life we must move past principles (the one, two, three's of how to do things) and into the Person of Jesus Christ. We also must move past attributes and anointings and into Him. This can only happen through divine encounter, getting into His presence! We must seek Him more than we seek what He gives. Our shadows will heal people like Peter's did only when we are overshadowed by His Presence! We must become

the Temples of His Presence! Every giant of the faith had repeated encounters and experiences with the Lord. These must continue and not grow static because his Kingdom is always advancing, so must our relationship with Him! Jesus taught the disciples that some manifestations of power come only by prayer and fasting, in other words, through relationship. When that is our starting point, we will see much greater results.

2. Our greatest inheritance is Him! *The LORD is the portion of my inheritance and my cup...In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.* Psalm 16:5, 11 *I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.* Genesis 15:1
3. *So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.* Daniel 9:3
4. *Focus upward! IF THEN you have been raised with Christ...aim at and seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. And set your minds and keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth. For [as far as this world is concerned] you have died, and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God.* Colossians 3:1-3
5. *My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and [meet with You and have personal encounters with You and] behold the face of God?* Psalm 42:2 (emphasis mine)
6. *Abide in Me, and I in you.* John 15:4
7. *My whole being follows hard after You and clings closely to You.* Psalm 63:8
8. *O GOD, You are my God, earnestly will I seek You; my inner self thirsts for You, my flesh longs and is faint for You, in a dry and weary land where no water is. So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary to see Your power and Your glory. Because Your loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. So will I bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My whole being shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips When I remember You upon my bed and meditate on You in the night watches. For You have been my help, and in the shadow of Your wings will I rejoice. My whole being follows hard after You and clings closely to You; Your right hand upholds me.”* Psalm 63:1-8
9. *Yes, furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately*

acquainted with Him of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and more clearly. For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish (refuse, dregs), in order that I may win (gain) Christ (the Anointed One)... [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death. Philippians 3:8, 10

10. ONE THING have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek, inquire for, and (insistently require): that I may dwell in the house of the Lord [in His Presence all the days of my life, to behold and gaze upon the beauty, the sweet attractiveness and the delightful loveliness] of the Lord and to meditate, consider, and inquire in His temple. For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His shelter; in the secret place of His tent will He hide me; He will set me high upon a rock. And now shall my head be lifted up above my enemies round about me; in His tent I will offer sacrifices **and** shouting of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; have mercy and be gracious to me and answer me! Psalm 27:4-8
11. You have said, Seek My face [inquire for and require my presence as your vital need]. My heart says to You, Your face (Your presence), Lord, will I seek, inquire for, and require [of necessity on the authority of Your word]...I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD. Psalm 27:13-14
12. O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name, make known His doings among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; meditate on and talk of all His marvelous deeds and devoutly praise them. Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek and require the Lord [as their indispensable necessity]. Seek, inquire of and for the Lord, and crave Him and His strength (His might and inflexibility to temptation); seek and require His face and His presence [continually] evermore. [Earnestly] remember the marvelous deeds that He has done, His miracles and wonders, the judgments and sentences which He pronounced [upon His enemies, as in Egypt]. Psalm 105:1-5
13. In the morning You hear my voice, O Lord; in the morning I prepare [a prayer, a sacrifice] for You and watch and wait [for You to speak to my heart]. Psalm 5:3
14. The sacrifice I prepare: ME! I choose to be a living sacrifice today! My soul, wait only upon God and silently submit to Him... Psalm 62:5 Get totally emptied of self, humbly yield and

submit ALL to Him, then get absolutely immersed in Him and filled with Him, filled and flooded with God Himself! Receive the Kingdom! Wait upon Him only, seek Him alone, seek first the Kingdom, He will take care of the rest!

15. My soul longs and even yearns for the courts of the LORD... Psalm 84:1
16. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, 'I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last'... Revelation 1:10-11 I decree I am out of the flesh and out of the world and out of my soul and I am in the Spirit communing with my heavenly Father who is Spirit!
17. As we lift UP our heads (for we are the gates, lift up your heads o ye gates), focus on Jesus, the King of Glory will come in!
18. Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest... Hebrews 4:11
19. And I will give them a heart to know (recognize, understand, and be acquainted with) Me (and I now receive that heart), that I am the Lord; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with their whole heart. Jeremiah 24:7
20. But we all, with open face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2Corinthians 3:18  
Lord, I just want to stare at You, at Your loveliness, at Your beauty, at Your majesty. I want to gaze at Your awseomeness so I will become conformed into the image of You and Your glory!
21. I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. Isaiah 6:1
22. ...grow in grace, and in the knowledge [intimacy] of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ...  
2Peter 3:18.
23. FOR GOD alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation. He only is my Rock and my Salvation, my Defense and my Fortress, I shall not be greatly moved...My soul, wait only upon God and silently submit to Him; for my hope and expectation are from Him. He only is my Rock and my Salvation; He is my Defense and my Fortress; I shall not be moved. With God rests my salvation and my glory; He is my Rock of unyielding strength and impenetrable hardness, and my refuge is in God! Trust in, lean on, rely on, and have confidence in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts before Him. God is a refuge

for us (a fortress and a high tower). *Selah* [pause, and calmly think of that]...Trust not in **and** rely confidently not on extortion and oppression, and do not vainly hope in robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them. God has spoken once, twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God. Also to You, O Lord, belong mercy **and** loving-kindness, for You render to every man according to his work. Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8, 10-12

24. I WILL extol You, my God, O King; and I will bless Your name forever and ever [with grateful, affectionate praise]. Every day [with its new reasons] will I bless You [affectionately and gratefully praise You]; yes, I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; and His greatness is [so vast and deep as to be] unsearchable. One generation shall laud Your works to another and shall declare Your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of Your majesty and on Your wondrous works I will meditate. Psalm 145:1-5

25. How lovely are Your dwelling places, O LORD of hosts! My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. The bird also has found a house, And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts, My King and my God. How blessed are those who dwell in Your house! They are ever praising You. *Selah.* How blessed is the man whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways **to Zion!** Passing through the valley of Baca they make it a spring; The early rain also covers it with blessings. They go from strength to strength, **every one of them** appears before God in Zion. O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah.* Behold our shield, O God, and look upon the face of Your anointed. For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand outside. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD gives grace and glory; No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, how blessed is the man who trusts in You! Psalm 84:1-12

26. How blessed is the one whom You choose and bring near to You To dwell in Your courts. We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple. Psalm 65:4

27. Lord, I love the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells. Psalm 26:8

28. AS THE deer pants **and** longs for the water brooks, so I pant **and** long for You, O God. My inner self thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long, Where is your God? These things I [earnestly] remember and pour myself out within me: how I went slowly before the throng and led them in procession to the house of God [like a bandmaster

before his band, timing the steps to the sound of music and the chant of song], with the voice of shouting and praise, a throng keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my inner self? And why should you moan over me **and** be disquieted within me? Hope in God and wait expectantly for Him, for I shall yet praise Him, my Help and my God. O my God, my life is cast down upon me [and I find the burden more than I can bear]: therefore will I [earnestly] remember You from the land of the Jordan [River] and [the summits of] Mount Hermon, from the little mountain Mizar. [Roaring] deep calls to [roaring] deep at the thunder of Your waterspouts; all Your breakers and Your rolling waves have gone over me. Yet the Lord will command His loving-kindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me, a prayer to the God of my life. I will say to God my Rock, Why have You forgotten me? Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? As with a sword [crushing] in my bones, my enemies taunt **and** reproach me, while they say continually to me, Where is your God? Why are you cast down, O my inner self? And why should you moan over me **and** be disquieted within me? Hope in God and wait expectantly for Him, for I shall yet praise Him, Who is the help of my countenance, and my God. Ps. 42:1-11

29. O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see? There's light for a look at the Savior, And life more abundant and free! // Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace. From "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" by Helen Howarth Lemmel
30. Oh, Lord, may I turn my eyes away from all other things to gaze and look full into Your wonderful face, to see Your beauty and majesty and greatness and glory and loveliness and lovingkindness, may I gaze at Your love and goodness until all the things of this world become strangely dim and pass away and all I want is You!
31. *[For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him, By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones), And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable **and** unlimited **and** surpassing greatness of His power in **and** for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength...* Ephesians 1:17-19
32. Send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling. Psalm 43:3

33. To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul...Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.  
Psalm 25:1, 4-5
34. I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD. Psalm 122:1
35. Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend.  
...Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight. Consider too, that this nation is Your people. And He said, "My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest." Then he said to Him, "If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here. For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?" The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight and I have known you by name." Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!" Exodus 33:11, 14-18
36. [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience] for yourselves the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled through all your being unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]! Ephesians 3:19 (AMP)
37. Now it came about on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace in front of the king's rooms, and the king was sitting on his royal throne in the throne room, opposite the entrance to the palace. When the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she obtained favor in his sight; and the king extended to Esther the golden scepter which was in his hand. So Esther came near and touched the top of the scepter. Then the king said to her, "What is troubling you, Queen Esther? And what is your request? Even to half of the kingdom it shall be given to you." Esther 5:1-3
38. Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. Genesis 15:1
39. For You make him most blessed forever; You make him joyful with gladness in Your presence. Psalm 21:6
40. For by their own sword they did not possess the land, And their own arm did not save them, But Your right hand and Your arm and the light of Your presence, For You favored them.  
Psalm 44:3

41. *Oh, how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear, revere, and worship You, goodness which You have wrought for those who trust and take refuge in You before the sons of men! In the secret place of Your presence You hide them from the plots of men; You keep them secretly in Your pavilion from the strife of tongues.* Psalm 31:19-20
42. *I come to the garden alone / While the dew is still on the roses / And the voice I hear falling on my ear / The Son of God discloses. // And He walks with me, and He talks with me, / And He tells me I am His own; / And the joy we share as we tarry there, / None other has ever known. // He speaks, and the sound of His voice, / Is so sweet the birds hush their singing, / And the melody that He gave to me / Within my heart is ringing. // I'd stay in the garden with Him / Though the night around me be falling, / But He bids me go; / through the voice of woe / His voice to me is calling.* From "In the Garden" by C. Austin Miles
43. *O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.* Psalm 95:5
44. *But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel!* Psalm 22:3
45. *While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Separate now for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. Acts 13:2*
46. *But about midnight, as Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the [other] prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the very foundations of the prison were shaken; and at once all the doors were opened and everyone's shackles were unfastened. Then [the jailer] called for lights and rushed in, and trembling and terrified he fell down before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out [of the dungeon] and said, Men, what is it necessary for me to do that I may be saved?* Acts 16: 25-26, 29-30
47. *As for me, You uphold me in my integrity, And You set me in Your presence forever.* Psalm 41:12.
48. *Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing...If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.* John 15:4-8



49. For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD... Jeremiah 29:11-14
50. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.  
Ephesians 3:12
51. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she **was** a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fasting and prayer night and day. Luke 2:36-37
52. ...so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them. John 17:26
53. ...the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.  
Romans 5:5
54. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Matthew 22:37-39
55. For Christ's love compels us... 2Corinthians 5:14
56. Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord... Acts 3:19
57. You have put more joy and rejoicing in my heart than [they know] when their wheat and new wine have yielded abundantly. Psalm 4:7
58. He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; [He gave us the very life of Christ Himself...] Ephesians 2:5
59. Honor and majesty are [found] in His presence; strength and joy are [found] in His sanctuary. 1Chronicles 15:27
60. If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2Chronicles 7:14

61. *If, **when** evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name **is** in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help. 2Chronicles 20:9*

62. *Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.*  
Psalm 140:13