

WELCOME to those on Video & Listening Later

We're Following the Text of Francis Chan's Book - MULTIPLY

I'd encourage to read the book along with this study -  
& consider using this Series And Book to Disciple others . . .

Allowing God to Unveil to THEM

His perfect Plan of Redemption: From Gen to Rev

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Today's SUBJECT - may ULTIMATELY be  
THE MOST important Subject in the Bible

### THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Does anything matter more than GOD'S PRESENCE With Us?  
Really - We have to Wrestle with this . . .

Have we reached the point where we cry out to God  
*ALL that's important to me - is that YOU ARE WITH ME*

NOT what you DO for me, Lord - But YOU, Personally

I CAN'T Go on - I can't MOVE from THIS Spot  
*without knowing that you are ACTUALLY WITH ME*

Have we realized - That What we need MOST  
is to be continually IN God's Presence

God Leading & Guiding Us thru this World  
& into an Eternity in His Presence

**Maybe** we **started** out just **wanting** our **Salvation Ticket** Punched  
So we could **get into Heaven** & **Avoid Hell**

& **then** - maybe we **saw God as** our **Great Genie**  
Whose **job** was to **fix everything** in our lives

But **then** (prayerfully) We began to **truly SEEK HIM** - We set out to  
**truly KNOW HIM** - We Fully **SURRENDERED** to HIM

& **if we HAVE** - Or **if we WILL** do that - I am **Confident**  
we will **GET** to the **Point** where **we say** . . .

**Lord God - I JUST NEED YOU!!!** - I **need** to Know **You are**  
**With Me** - I **need** to know you are **Leading & Guiding me**

That's **All I need** - I **don't** need **STUFF** from you God - **I NEED YOU!!**  
I need **your Presence** - & **NOTHING ELSE** Will do

## **Let's Pray**

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In the **Perfect World** God created - **Adam & Eve LIVED** in the  
**Actual Presence** of God - In **Perfect Peace** w/ **God**, & **Ea Other**

**UNTIL THE FALL** - & **Sin** Changed **Everything** (Gen 3)

**The first thing sin did was cause SEPARATION From God**  
**Adam & Eve** immediately **HID** From God  
& **Then God** had to **EXPEL THEM** from His **Presence**

& **SINCE** that day - **NOTHING** has been **more important**  
than **Mankind BEING RESTORED** to **God's Presence**

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& so - **God Began** to Make **COVENANTS**  
to **RESTORE Mankind** to **HIMSELF** - *to His PRESENCE*

**God** made a **Covenant Promise** to **NOAH** (Gen 9)  
& Then the **BIG One-Sided Covenant** with **Abraham** (Gen 12 ff)

& at the **EXODUS** - God **CALLED OUT** His Own people  
**Who were** to be **MARKED** by His **Presence**

It was to be the **PRESENCE of GOD**  
**THAT SET** Israel **APART** from all **other Nations**

**GOD WAS WITH THEM** - Which (eventually) the **Pharaoh** in **EGYPT**  
**Understood** very **clearly** (by Exo 14)

**BUT THEN** - **God** had to **Show** His People **WHAT IT MEANT**  
for them to **BE His people** - & **LIVE** in **His Presence**

& **So came** - **The Revelation** of God on **Mt Sinai**  
& the **Covenant of the Law** thru **MOSES** (Exo 19 ff)

& **WITH** that **Covenant** - **Came** the process  
of **SACRIFICE & ATONEMENT** (we looked at Lst Wk)

**Sacrifice & Atonement** - would be **THE WAY**  
God would **BE ABLE** to **DWELL** in the **midst** of a **Sinful people**

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& **Thru** the **Process** of **SACRIFICE & ATONEMENT**  
**Came** the **TABERNACLE** (strtg in Exo 25)

**The TABERNACLE** - was the **FIRST Place** God Created  
for **His Presence** to **DWELL** with His **People**

At the center of The Tabernacle was the Holy of Holies  
where the Ark of the Covenant was kept

The Lid of the Ark was called the Mercy Seat  
& 2 Cherubim touching wings sat above the Mercy Seat

& between the Cheribim - Dwelt the SHEKINAH Glory of God  
The Very Presence of God on Earth

In a Tangible Way - The Tabernacle was God's  
'Dwelling Place' on Earth - To Be WITH His People

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Now - God is OMNI-PRESENT

But we're talking about the Tangible Presence of God's Glory -  
DWELLING With His People

God had brought his People to the place that He could again  
(in a limited way) DWELL with them

God was Systematically RESTORING Mankind - To His PRESENCE

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HOWEVER - Right at the Beginning . . .

God's People ALMOST LOST the Most Important ASPECT  
of BEING God's People - (*God's Presence*)

Moses was on Mt Sinai - & God was giving him the LAW

The FIRST 2 Commands God himself wrote for Moses were:

- 1) You shall have NO OTHER GOD'S Before me
- 2) You shall not worship any IDOL

& as Moses returned to the camp of Israel - He found Israel  
Worshipping a Golden Calf they'd made themselves

While God was REVEALING His Holiness & Commandments  
His People were already Busy BREAKING them

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God's RESPONSE was DEVASTATING

God had made it CLEAR - IF His people would OBEY His commands  
He would BE their God - & He would always BE WITH them

But IF they REBELLED & Turned against God  
There would be CONSEQUENCES

& they had already TURNED against God - IN a Very BIG Way  
& they had to face the Consequences

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First - God had 3,000 men (the instigators) KILLED  
as a Direct Consequence of their sin

But - Something FAR WORSE than that - ALMOST Happened

When God SENT Israel on From Mt Sinai - Here's what He said:

### Exodus 33:1-3 (ESV)

*1 The Lord said to Moses, "Depart; go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your offspring I will give it.'*

*2 I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.*

**3 Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people.**"

**God's Promise - to Give the Land to Israel - was UNCONDITIONAL  
But HIS PRESENCE being with them - was CONDITIONAL**

**& they learned that Very Clearly - Right UP FRONT**

**God said - I'm gonna give you the Land - Cause I Promised I would  
But because of your Rebellion - I'm NOT going WITH YOU**

**I'll send an Angel - But my PRESENCE (My Glory)  
WILL NOT BE WITH YOU**

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**Now - Right here we need a Little HONESTY TIME with God -  
Really, Truly - Let's Get Honest with ourselves**

**If God said to YOU - I'll give you the Blessings  
But I will NOT Personally Be with you**

**You'll have the Circumstances Right - But you Won't have ME  
You'll have my BLESSING - But You won't have MY PRESENCE**

**We need to truly ALLOW the Holy Spirit to Reveal to us . . .**

**Would we be JUST FINE - If God would BLESS us -  
but REMOVE His Presence from us ???**

**God was Offering to Bless Israel APART from a Relationship w/ Him  
& they had to DETERMINE - How Important God's Presence Was**

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Israel was at a Crucial Turning Point - Just as YOU might be

But MOSES KNEW - The Presence of God was EVERYTHING

As EXO 33 Cont's - The people go into MOURNING in V.4

& then we're reminded - of the incredible significance  
of God's Presence - from vs.7-11

Then - Starting in V.12 - Moses RECOUNTS what was probably  
a very "Touchy" conversation with God

The CORE of which is in Exodus 33:15–17 (NLT)

*15 Then Moses said, "If you don't personally go with us, don't make us leave this place.*

*16 How will anyone know that you look favorably on me—on me and on your people—if you don't go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth."*

*17 (& so) The Lord replied to Moses, "I will indeed do what you have asked, for I look favorably on you, and I know you by name."*

Moses would NOT take God's Blessings WITHOUT God's Presence  
NOT for Himself - & NOT for God's People

Moses KNEW - It would be better to STAY at Mt Sinai -  
Than Get to the Promised Land WITHOUT God's Presence

& God acknowledged The Prayer of Moses - to Go with Him  
But Moses Needed Confirmation . . .

Moses needed to KNOW - God was with Him & the people of Israel  
& in the Nxt Vs - Moses makes the ULTIMATE REQUEST of God

## **Exodus 33:18 (ESV)**

***18 Moses said, "Please show me your glory."***

& **that Vs** leads into the **famous Text** of God **Showing Moses as much of His Glory as Moses could handle**

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& **God DID go** with **Israel** into the **Promised Land** - & **His Presence went with the Tabernacle** as they **moved** from **place to place**

& **500 Years Later** - After **David** became **King of Israel** - **His Son SOLOMON** would build **THE TEMPLE** in Jerusalem

It **took Solomon 7 years** - & **Massive Laborers & Supplies** to build the **Temple**

& **when** the **TEMPLE** was **Dedicated** - **God's Presence FILLED** the **Temple** with even **MORE POWER** than when **God's Presence** filled the **TABERNACLE**

**Turn over to 1Kings 8:6-11 (ESV)** (between Samuel & Chronicles)

***6 Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place in the inner sanctuary of the house (Temple), in the Most Holy Place, underneath the wings of the cherubim.***

***7 For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles.***

***...***

***10 And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord,***

***11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.***

**Solomon's Temple** was an **Incredible Structure**  
**Well-known** to **ALL the Nations** of the **World**



& Those Nations KNEW - The God of Heaven was  
DWELLING WITH His people there

Let me QUOTE Francis Chan (Multiply)

*The kingdom of Israel, with the elaborate temple in its midst to house the presence of God, was a glimpse of what the world ought to be. It was a picture of God's dwelling in the midst of His earth, ruling over and blessing His people.*

The Temple became what the Tabernacle had started out to be  
The Place where God Dwelt among His people on Earth

& it was a GLIMPSE - a Picture  
Of One Day God Permanently Dwelling WITH His People

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Nxt - Solomon's Prayer to Dedicate the Temple is INCREDIBLE  
& you REALLY should READ it carefully (1KIN 8:22 ff)

& Right After the Incredible Dedication of the Temple by Solomon

1 Kings 9:1–2 Says (ESV)

*1 As soon as Solomon had finished building the house of the Lord and the king's house and all that Solomon desired to build,  
2 the Lord appeared to Solomon a second time . . .*

& in the Rest of 1Kin 9

The Lord gives Solomon - a TWO-SIDED PROMISE

FIRST God promises to BLESS Solomon Greatly - IF Solomon will  
Walk with God - & Keep God's Laws

& THEN (v.6) God WARNS Solomon

that if HE, or ISRAEL - would Turn their backs on God . . .

**God Would - REMOVE His Presence from the Temple  
REMOVE Israel from the Land - &  
ALLOW this Temple to be Utterly Destroyed**

**Nxt to 1Kin 9 - write EZE 10 - Because THAT'S when  
God made Good on this Warning**

Israel **REPEATEDLY Turned their Back** on God  
& God **DID REMOVE** His **Presence** form the **Temple**  
& God **DID REMOVE** **Israel** from the **Land**  
& God **DID ALLOW** the **Temple** to be **Utterly Destroyed**

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**HOWEVER** - The **Temple** was **NOT** the **Permanent Dwelling Place**  
of **God's Presence** on Earth

**Just like** the **Tabernacle** had **NOT been**  
the **Permanent Dwelling Place** - of **God's Presence** on Earth

**So . . . What WAS God's Plan**  
**for His Ultimate Dwelling Place on Earth?**

**ONCE AGAIN - God's FINAL ANSWER is . . . . JESUS !!!!**

**Turn to John 1 - John starts his Gospel - at the REAL BEGINNING**

**John 1:1 (ESV)**

***1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and  
the Word was God.***

The **Implication** here is - **IN THE BEGINNING**  
**The WORD** was **ALREADY** There

**GRK** for "**The Word**" = **LOGOS** - Lit - **God in Expression**

**John is writing about Jesus Christ - & he makes it clear  
Jesus Christ IS GOD - In Expression - Come to EARTH**

& here **IT IS** - Here's the **Unmistakable CONNECTION**  
In **GOD'S PLAN of Redemption from Gen to Rev . . .**

**John 1:14 (ESV)**

***14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us . . .***

**GUESS WHAT** - That word - **DWELT** is the **GREEK translation**  
of the **Hebrew** word for . . . **TABERNACLE** !!!

God **HAD COME** - to **Tabernacle AMONG US**  
**IN** the **Person** of **Jesus Christ** !!

**& then the Remainder of John 1:14 says (ESV)**

***14 . . . , and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from  
the Father, full of grace and truth.***

The **GLORY of GOD** in the **original TABERNACLE WAS NOT**  
the **Ultimate Dwelling Place** of God with His People on Earth

The **GLORY of GOD** in **the TEMPLE WAS NOT**  
the **Ultimate Dwelling Place of God** with His people on Earth

**IN the Person of JESUS CHRIST** is the  
**Ultimate Dwelling Place of God** with His people on Earth

**IN Jesus Christ - Thru** His **Sacrifice & Victory** on the **Cross**

the **Problem** of **SIN SEPARATING US** from the **Presence of God**  
has **BEEN DEALT WITH** - *Once & For All* - **Tetelestai!!**

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**Now** - In the **Person of Jesus Christ** -  
the **Glory of God** is **Dwelling on Earth** with his **People**

**BUT WAIT !!** - There's **MORE !!**

In **John 14** Jesus **Promised** us He would **NOT LEAVE US Orphans**

**John 14:18–19 (ESV)**

***18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.***

***19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.***

***Jesus*** is actually ***talking*** here - about the ***Work of The Holy Spirit***  
***Who is FULLY GOD !!***

**Now - Look at the Vs's just prior - John 14:16–17 (ESV)**

***16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper,***  
***to be with you forever,***

***17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive,***  
***because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he***  
***dwells with you and will be in you.***

Title '***Another Helper***' for the ***Holy Spirit*** here - is **Allos Parakletos**

It **MEANS** Lit - ***One of the Same Kind & Quality***  
***Called Along Side to HELP***

The **Holy Spirit** IS **FULLY GOD** - & at the **end** of **V.17** Jesus says:  
***for he dwells with you and will be in you***

& **Since ACTS CH 2** (Day of Pentecost)

The **Holy Spirit** has **FILLED** Every **True Believer**  
**MAKING us** - what the **N.T. Calls** - **The BODY of Christ**

**NO TABERNACLE** for **God's Presence** to Dwell in

**NO TEMPLE** for **God's Presence** to Dwell in

**1 Corinthians 6:19 says (NLT)**

***19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? . . .***

**1 Corinthians 3:16 (ESV)**

***16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?***

**& Speaking of the CHURCH - Ephesians 2:20–21 (NLT)**

***20 Together, we are his house . . . And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.***

***21 We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.***

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**Listen Carefully Please**

**Jesus Christ** is the **ULTIMATE Presence of God** on Earth

& if **YOU belong** to **Jesus today** - then . . .

**As PART** of the **Body of Christ** on Earth

**YOU** are actually - **the Dwelling Place** of the **PRESENCE of GOD**

**THAT is OUT-OF-CONTROL !!!!!**

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And **One day** - When **Jesus RETURNS**

to **RECLAIM this Earth as** his Own → → →

The Whole Earth will be FILLED - with the FULL GLORY of God

WE - & this Earth - & All of Creation - Will be RETURNED  
to How God Originally Created it - in the GARDEN

We recently spent FIVE MSGS in Rev Looking at the Reality  
of us Living in God's Full Presence in Heaven For Eternity

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THE M.I.P. - *FROM the Beginning - LIFE with God has been*  
*All About His Presence - Being WITH His PEOPLE*

It's God's Presence WITH you - that Distinguishes you As His Own  
It's God's Presence WITH you - that IS your Ultimate Victory

As a CHRISTIAN - There is ONLY One Thing  
you CANNOT Do WITHOUT - & That is GOD'S PRESENCE

Abounding - Abasing - Having Plenty - Suffering Need  
You can Face ANY CIRCUMSTANCE - WITH God's Presence

We MUST develop the MOSES Attitude - When God told Him to Go  
from Mt Sinai to the Promised Land in EXO 33

Moses said to God :

*"If you don't go personally with me God - I CAN'T MOVE"*

Even if you Send a ANGEL with me - I STILL NEED your Presence

& If you Promise me Your Blessings - WITHOUT Your Presence  
I Don't WANT IT !!!

I WANT YOU - I NEED YOU

I Can't MOVE without Knowing that YOU ARE WITH ME

If you've never KNOWN God's Presence in your life  
You can Begin to know Him TODAY

Cry Out to Him - Ask Him to come into your life  
& FILL YOU with His PRESENCE

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& if you are a Christian today . . .

& you spend more time Asking God for Stuff  
OVER His Presence - RETHINK YOUR PRAYERS

WHAT we ALL need - is the Full, Real, Active  
PRESENCE of GOD in our lives

Jesus Christ CAME - & DIED - to Give US  
His Life, His Peace, His Power, His Victory . . .

But NONE of that comes  
without the ACTIVE PRESENCE of God in your life

Say with MOSES - God I am NOT Leaving This Place  
Unless I KNOW - You are WITH ME !!!

Let's Pray