



THE PRESENCE 3

1. God's Omnipresence – God is everywhere all the time

Psalm 139:7-10 NLT

7 I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! 8 If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave you are there. 9 If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, 10 even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me.

Jeremiah 23:24 NLT

Can anyone hide from me in a secret place? Am I not everywhere in all the heavens and earth?" says the Lord.

Matthew 28:20 NLT

"Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

2. God's Presence In Us - Indwelling

1 Corinthians 3:16 NLT

Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?

John 14:16-17 NLT

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. 17 He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

3. God's Manifest Presence – Clear or obvious to eye or mind

1 John 4:14 NLT

Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

Psalm 77:13-14 NLT

13 O God, your ways are holy. Is there any god as mighty as you? 14 You are the God of great wonders! You demonstrate your awesome power among the nations.

4. How do we increase the manifest presence of God?

Deuteronomy 4:29 NLT

But from there you will search again for the Lord your God. And if you search for him with all your heart and soul, you will find him.

James 4:8a NLT

Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

A. Prayer and Praise

Acts 16:25-30 NLT

25 Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. 26 Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! 27 The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself. 28 But Paul shouted to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!" 29 The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"