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IN HIS PRESENCE

The heart behind worship

- Presence
- Preparation
- Desperation
- Listening
- Response



Being Immersed in His Presence

Zephaniah 3:14-17

¹⁴Shout for joy, daughter of Zion! Shout *in triumph*, Israel! Rejoice and triumph with all *your* heart, Daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away *His* judgments against you, He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; You will no longer fear disaster.

¹⁶On that day it will be said to Jerusalem: "Do not be afraid, Zion; Do not let your hands fall limp"

Zephaniah 3:14-17

¹⁷ "The Lord your God is in your midst a victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy."

MacLaren's Exposition (Commentary)

"Zion is called to rejoice in God because God rejoices in her. She is to shout for joy and sing because God's joy too has a voice, and breaks out into singing. For every throb of joy in man's heart, there is a wave of gladness in God's. The notes of our praise are at once the echoes and the occasions of His. We are to be glad because He is glad: He is glad because we are so. We sing for joy, and He joys over us with singing because we do."

Zephaniah 3:17

"He will exult over you with joy..."

- His desire for us is greater than His hatred of our sin.
- "as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you." – Psalm 62:5b

"He will be quiet in His love..."

- God's love for us too intense, too deep, too infinite to find expression.
- "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

"He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy."

- Our God is a God of joy and our faith is a faith of joy!

What happens in God's presence?

- Freedom
 - The men in fiery furnace
 - "The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Lord's Spirit is, there is freedom." - 2 Corinthians 3:17
- Healing & Resurrection
 - Man with withered hand
 - Talitha
 - "You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever." - Psalm 16:11

What happens in God's presence?

- Repentance
 - Paul on the road to Damascus
 - "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
- Revelation
 - Peter – surely you are the son of God
 - Jacob – "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go...Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it " - Genesis 28:15,16

Key Thought

God's presence isn't attained. It's recognized.

God's presence moved with His people

- Moses met God at the "Tent of Meeting".
 - "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." - Exodus 33:14
- God's presence was in the Tabernacle.
- God's presence moved to the Temple.
 - "Holy of Holies"
 - "Holy Place"
 - "Court of Men"
 - "Court of Women"
 - "Court of Gentiles"

Then came Jesus

- Emmanuel - "God with us"
- When Jesus died: *"The curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom"* - Matthew 27:51
- When Jesus resurrected: *"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*
- "The God who made the world ...does not live in temples built by human hands." - Acts 17:24
- "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?" - 1 Corinthians 3:16

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