



PRACTICE THE PRESENT OF GOD



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## SCRIPTURES TO STUDY

- The Word Tried Joseph: Psalm 105:19 KJV
- From Flesh to Spirit?: Galatians 3:3 NLT, AMPC
- Act/Practice: Hebrews 5:14 KJV
- Sons Are Led: Romans 8:14 KJV
- Believe, Labor, Rest: Hebrews 3:18-19, 4:10-11 KJV
- Rest x Glory: Isaiah 11:10 KJV
- Believe x Power: Ephesians 1:18-20 ESV
- Believe x Glory II: John 11:40=42 ESV
- Believe: Hebrews 4:10-11 KJV
- Act: Hebrews 4:11 KJV
- Remain: John 15:7-8 ESV

## MAIN POINTS, DEFINITIONS & APPLICATION

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### Believers holy acts

- prayer
- fasting
- surrender
- worship—yet function with minimal evidence of divine power
- much activity, little supernatural manifestation.

Output = Effort

Outflow = Nature



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## MAIN POINTS, DEFINITIONS & APPLICATION

Fatigue can begin to frame faith

From an act to a state

From Practice to Personification

- Driving, Typing, Walking while talking, Reading, Playing an instrument
- Each starts with conscious repetition and ends in embodiment

God didn't send a bunch of Acts. There's a book of Acts, but what preceded the Acts was the word made flesh — incarnated Word.

| Theme    | Old Testament<br>(Concept)                 | New Testament<br>(Incarnation)                   |
|----------|--|--|
| Dwelling | Temple made with hands — God among His     | Temple of the Holy Spirit — God within His       |
| Law      | Law written on stone — external command.   | Law written on hearts — internal transformation; |
| Word     | The Word of the Lord appeared — revelation | The Word made flesh — revelation embodied.       |



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## MAIN POINTS, DEFINITIONS & APPLICATION

God Sending People solving problems He could trust:

When famine hit, He raised Joseph.

Tried: to smelt, refine, test - extract (metal) from its ore by a process involving heating and melting.

- When empire oppressed, He sent Moses.
- When corruption ruled, He anointed prophets.
- When sin & sickness reigned, Grace became flesh.
- Divinity chose embodiment as its delivery system.
- God's partnership isn't performance-based; it's incarnation.

### The Two Models:

| Category | Participating (the act)                     | Remaining (the state)                        |
|----------|---|--|
| Nature   | Volitional movement of the will toward God. | Ontological condition of being in God.       |
| Posture  | Verb — I open, I yield, I dance.            | Noun — I am open, I am yielded, I am in Him. |



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The act is good; it's how awareness begins.

The state is fulfillment; it's what awareness is meant to reveal.

### PRAYER:

| Aspect     | Act of Prayer   | State of Prayer  |
|------------|---|--|
| Definition | Intentional communication with God—speech, petition, or silence.                                  | Continuous communion—life lived in unbroken awareness and cooperation with the                   |
| Example    | “Lord, teach us to pray.” (Luke 11:1) — <i>Jesus went up to the mountain to pray.</i> (Luke 6:12) | “Father, You always hear Me.” (John 11:42) — <i>Pray without ceasing.</i> (1 Thessalonians 5:17) |
| Essence    | <b>Encounter</b> — meeting God through dialogue.  | <b>Indwelling</b> — God breathing and responding through you.                                    |

If you equate act with state, you keep returning to the act to feel connected—mistaking moments of communication for the reality of communion.



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### WORSHIP:

| Aspect     | Act of Worship  | State of Worship  |
|------------|---|---|
| Definition | Intentional expression of reverence / surrender—voice, posture, offering.   | Continuous surrender—existence aligned with divine will.  |
| Example    | “They bowed down and worshiped Him.” <i>(Matthew 28:9)</i> — “Our fathers worshiped on this mountain...” <i>(John 4:20)</i> | “Present your bodies a living sacrifice.” <i>(Romans 12:1)</i> — “True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth.” <i>(John 4:23)</i> |
| Essence    | <b>Encounter</b> — meeting God through expression.  | <b>Embodiment</b> — God revealed through being.   |

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### The Deception Within The Acts

Acts can cripple fullness:

- It trains dependence on felt engagement.
- It binds peace to performance cycles.
- It treats the rehearsal (devotional act) as the event (union).
- It subtly implies separation that must be bridged again and again.

If practice becomes the pinnacle, your devotion becomes deception.

- Self-reliant spirituality.

Why? Unity is perceived as a goal – not a current reality.

### The Deliverance

We are not rejecting the acts, we are repurposing them

Exercised:

Indicates a completed action with continuing results. Faculties that now operate by reflex, not rehearsal.

So the training occurred in the past and its effects persist in the present.



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## MAIN POINTS, DEFINITIONS & APPLICATION

Full age...

Maturity = the state produced by prior disciplined practice:

- Continual practice (devotional exercise) yields an abiding state (discernment by nature).
- The training phase concludes as a process, but its result—the ability to discern—is permanent.

Led: existence under divine propulsion.

The Spirit isn't giving directions to sons; He is the momentum within them. It's not a momentary act of obedience but an ongoing condition of animation.

Sonship ceases practice. Sonship seizes perfection. Habit Vs Habitation

Acts belong to training your belief — you're training for reigning.  
The Deliverance

Belief =

- I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE
- I REST



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## MAIN POINTS, DEFINITIONS & APPLICATION

Over time - you begin to become conscious and recognize the union within

- Can you stay in the gravity of I and the Father are one when visibility disagrees?

Conclusion:

Practical Integration — Staying Seated Until Form Catches Up

B. Believe — Hebrews 4:10-11 KJV

For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. [11] Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

A. ACT — Hebrews 4:11 KJV

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

R. Remain — John 15:7-8 ESV

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. [8] By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.



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## MAIN POINTS, DEFINITIONS & APPLICATION

Faith trains reality - it takes your unseen inner state and calibrates what you see.

You live and walk by faith, not by sight. Faith changes sight, not the other way around.

### In Christ Confessions:

I am not maintaining connection; I am communion itself.  
I am not trying to believe; belief has become my nature.  
I am already what obedience was training me to become.  
I am what devotion was hoping to reach.  
I am the dwelling my prayer once sought to enter.  
I am the rest my labor longed to find.  
I am the fruit that discipline was bound to bear.  
I embody what all creation groaned for  
I am the evidence that grace succeeded.  
I personify the Father's intent on earth.  
I am communion embodied  
I am fellowship embodied  
I am hope fulfilled  
I am what faith saw



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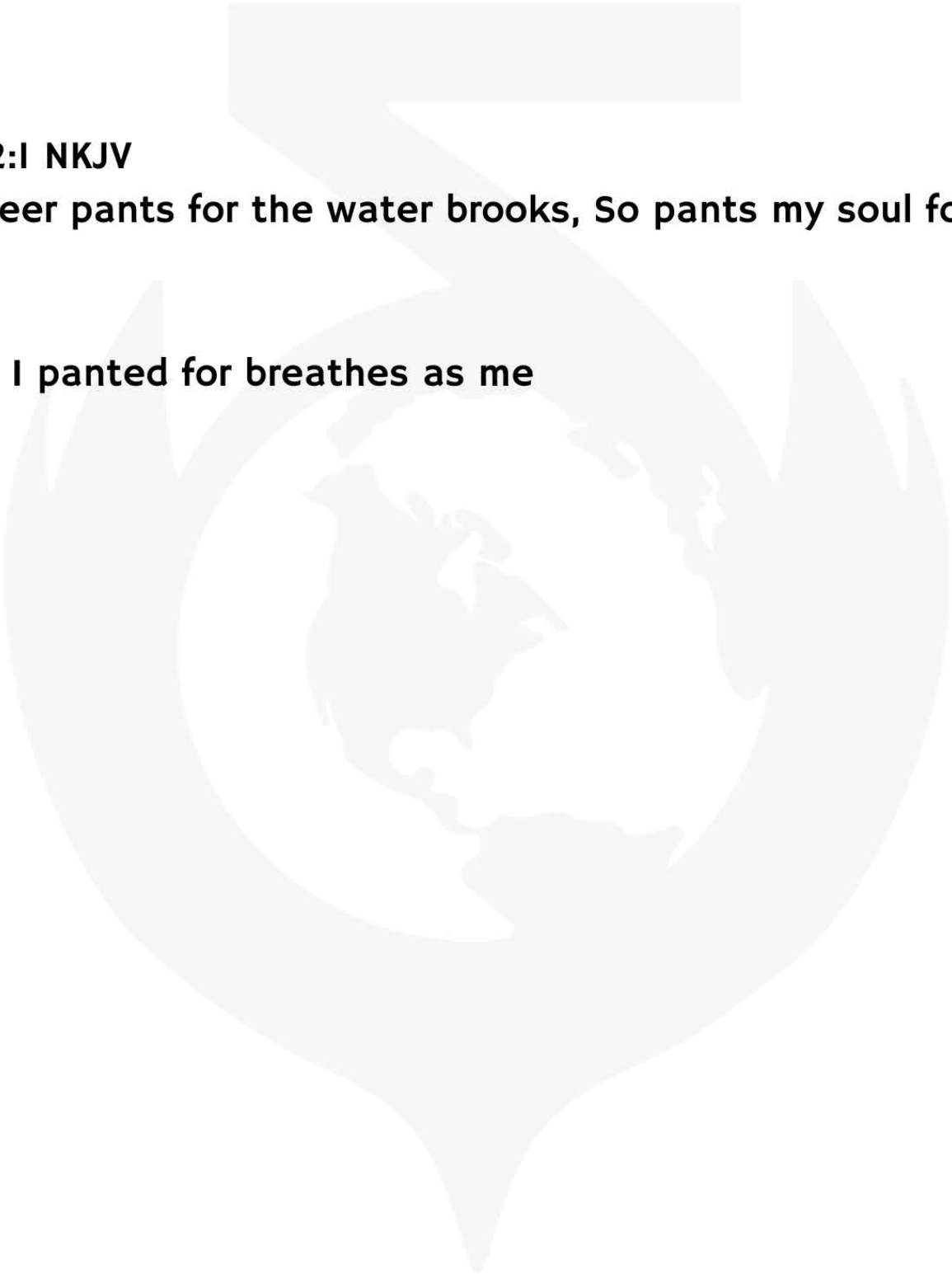
MAIN POINTS, DEFINITIONS & APPLICATION

**I AM**

**Psalm 42:1 NKJV**

**As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God.**

**The One I panted for breathes as me**





# FROM CONCEPT TO INCARNATION

| THEME    | OLD TESTAMENT<br>(CONCEPT)                                     | NEW TESTAMENT<br>(INCARNATION)   |
|----------|--|--|
| DWELLING | TEMPLE MADE WITH HANDS<br>— GOD AMONG HIS PEOPLE.              | TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT<br>— GOD WITHIN HIS PEOPLE.                      |
| LAW      | LAW WRITTEN ON STONE —<br>EXTERNAL COMMAND.                    | LAW WRITTEN ON HEARTS —<br>INTERNAL<br>TRANSFORMATION; LIVING<br>EPISTLES. |
| WORD     | THE WORD OF THE LORD<br>APPEARED — REVELATION<br>FROM OUTSIDE. | THE WORD MADE FLESH —<br>REVELATION EMBODIED.                              |



# THE ACT VS THE STATE:

| CATEGORY | THE ACT   | THE STATE   |
|----------|---|---|
| NATURE   | VOLITIONAL MOVEMENT OF THE WILL TOWARD GOD.     | ONTOLOGICAL CONDITION OF BEING IN GOD.                  |
| POSTURE  | VERB — I OPEN, I YIELD, I DANCE. (PARTICIPATOR) | NOUN — I AM OPEN, I AM YIELDED, I AM IN HIM. (PARTAKER) |



# PRAYER

| ASPECT     | ACT OF PRAYER   | STATE OF PRAYER  |
|------------|---|--|
| DEFINITION | INTENTIONAL<br>COMMUNICATION WITH GOD   | CONTINUOUS COMMUNION   |
| EXAMPLE    | “LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY.”<br>(LUKE 11:1) — JESUS WENT UP<br>TO THE MOUNTAIN TO PRAY.<br>(LUKE 6:12) | “FATHER, YOU ALWAYS HEAR<br>ME.” (JOHN 11:42) — PRAY<br>WITHOUT CEASING. (1<br>THESSALONIANS 5:17) |
| ESSENCE    | ENCOUNTER   | INDWELLING   |



# WORSHIP

| ASPECT     | ACT OF WORSHIP  | STATE OF WORSHIP  |
|------------|---|---|
| DEFINITION | INTENTIONAL EXPRESSION OF REVERENCE & SURRENDER   | I AM SURRENDERED  |
| EXAMPLE    | “THEY BOWED DOWN AND WORSHIPED HIM.” (MATTHEW 28:9) — “OUR FATHERS WORSHIPED ON THIS MOUNTAIN...” (JOHN 4:20) | “LIVING SACRIFICE.” (ROMANS 12:1) — “IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.” (JOHN 4:23) |
| ESSENCE    | ENCOUNTER — MEETING GOD THROUGH EXPRESSION.   | EMBODIMENT — GOD REVEALED THROUGH BEING.                                  |



## **WHEN ACTS DECEIVE**

- **IT TRAINS DEPENDENCE ON FELT ENGAGEMENT**
- **IT BINDS PEACE TO PERFORMANCE CYCLES.**
- **IT TREATS THE REHEARSAL (DEVOTIONAL ACT) AS THE EVENT (UNION).**
- **IT SUBTLY IMPLIES SEPARATION THAT MUST BE BRIDGED AGAIN AND AGAIN.**



**EXERCISED:**

**INDICATES A COMPLETED  
ACTION WITH CONTINUING  
RESULTS. FACULTIES THAT  
NOW OPERATE BY REFLEX,  
NOT REHEARSAL.**





# RAISE THE B.A.R.

- BELIEVE
- ACT
- REMAIN