

The Church of His Presence

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Jesus Said: I Will Build My Church – How Will It Look?

1. His Church Is ***A Church Of His Purpose***
2. His Church Is ***A Church Of His Presence***
3. His Church Is ***A Church Of His Power***

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The Lord Has A Plan For His Church

God's Presence Is Everywhere

Psalm 139:7–10 (NIV) — 7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? **8** If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. **9** If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, **10** even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

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God's Presence Fills Heaven And Earth

Jeremiah 23:23–24

The Presence Of The Lord Brings Strength And Courage

Deuteronomy 31:6

God's Presence Is Near To Those Who Believe On Him

Acts 17:27–28

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Christ Promised That He Will Be With Us To The Very End

Matthew 28:20

His Presence Is With Us Forever He Is With Us And In Us

John 14:16–17

If We Will Draw Near To Him, He Will Draw Near To Us

James 4:8

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- **We are the temple of God – a housing for His Spirit**

1 Corinthians 3:16

The Lord is close to those who call on Him in truth

Psalms 145:18

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He Is A Safe Place And An Always Present Help

Psalm 46

In Life's Darkest Valleys The Lord Is With Us

Psalm 23:4

God's Plan For Us An Eternal Dwelling Place In His Presence

Revelation 21:3

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The Lord Promises His Presence Will Be With His People

- **Exodus 33:14 (NIV)** — 14 The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

God’s Presence Must Be Accessed In His Way, Not Ours

- **READ:** Exodus 32: 1-14 – ***Unbelief Threatens God’s Presence***

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MOSES AND THE GOLDEN CALF

- **A Time Of Grief & Unbelief & Apostasy In Israel -Ex. 32:1–8**
- **Moses Prays & Intercedes For Israel -Ex. 32:9–14, 30–34**
- **The Punishment Of Israel - Ex. 32:15–29, 35**

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READ: Exodus 33:1-23

Exo 33:3 (NIV) -- 3 Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey. But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way."

God Will Send An Angel To Drive Out Israel's Enemies, But God Will Not Go With Them.

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1. The GRACE of God: God meets with Moses
(Ex. 33:7–17)

2. The GLORY of God: Moses is allowed to see God's glory
(Ex. 33:18–23; 34:5–9, 18–35)

3. The GUARANTEE of God
(Ex. 34:1–4, 10–17):

God writes the Ten Commandments on two tablets once again and promises to drive Israel's enemies out of the land of Canaan.

Willmington, H. L. (1999). *The Outline Bible*

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LESSONS FOR US IN THE 21ST CENTURY CHURCH

1. The Danger Of Spiritual Drift

- Many Have Gone After A Modernized “Golden Calf”
- They Built A “Golden Calf” – As The Object Of Their Desires
- Not Concerned About The Spiritual – They Focus On The Physical -- *What They Can See and Touch*

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The Real Problem --The Presence Of God Is Not There

- **It May Be Professional & Exceptionable**
- **But Where Is The Substance?"**
- **Where Is The Encounter With The Living God?**

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- **When The Church ...*Throws Off All Restraints And Calls “Anything And Everything” Worship***
- **When Their Worship Aligns With Worldly Desires & Values**
- **They Have Missed The Purpose And Function Of Worship**
- **To Draw Near To God**
- **To Encounter Him And His Presence**

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This Is The Danger Of Spiritual Drift

- **The Lord Is Looking For Those Who Will Worship Him In Spirit And In Truth**
- **He Looks For The Undivided Worshippers**
- **Those Who Are Fully Committed And Submitted To Him.**

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We Don't Want To Go Without His Presence

- We Can't Go On w/o It!**
- The Presence Of God Distinguishes Us From Everyone Else**
- It Differentiates Between The Holy & The Common**
- If God's Presence Isn't With Us All Of Our Ideals Are Empty**

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God Spoke To Moses, “I'm Not Going To Go With You, I'm Going To Send An Angel.”

- Moses Was Not Settled With That Answer
- Moses heart: Lord, we don't want an Angel, we want you!

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God Responded To Moses' Heart For His Presence

- God's Response Is Unique --He Started With His Just Decision (that He would not go with them, but send an angel)
- Moses Interceded For His People
- Moses' Point: Even The Most Majestic Angel Is No Substitute For You Lord

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- “The great passion in the heart of every human being created in the image of God, is to experience the awesome majesty of God's presence.”
- “The highest accomplishment of humanity is entering the overwhelming presence of God nothing else can satiate this burning thirst.”
- **A.W. Tozer**

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The Power Of Intercessory Prayer

- **After the intercession of Moses the Lord responded, "my presence will go with you, and I will give you rest!"**
- **That Gives Us A Reason To Intercede On Behalf Of Upcoming Decisions And Directions**

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The Power Of Intercessory Prayer

- God Has Made Decisions, Yet They Are Not Firmly Set In Stone They Are Based On The Direction That Things Are Moving
- However, If Hearts Change Happens & Intercessors Arise
- God Will Respond Accordingly
- He May Even Change His Direction Or His Course Of Action

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How We Need To Know Him And His Ways And Cry Out To Him In Intercessory Prayer

- “All of God's people should passionately pray to know and understand his heart and embrace his ways.
- This includes: his desires, his purpose, his wisdom, his holy principles, and even his suffering.
- In so doing we come to know God himself”-- **Fire Bible**

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GOD'S PRESENCE IS AWESOME: God promises His presence to people who will worship, obey, and walk with Him.

- ***Every believer in Jesus Christ should seek to live in the presence of God.***
- ***When we walk with Jesus Christ in intimate fellowship we can enjoy His presence.***
- ***Our God is a living God and when we live our lives in worship to Him, His glory and presence begin to fill our lives.***
- ***Spirit Filled Life Bible***

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Indicators Of His Presence In The Church

- ***Workings of the Holy Spirit***
- ***His Transformative Power Witnessed***
- ***Supernatural Signs and Wonders***
- ***Pure Preaching Of His Word***
- ***Gospel Truth Illuminated And Communicated***
- ***Faithful Sharing Of Communion & Water Baptism***
- ***A Disciplined & Spirit-Led Body – Working In Unity***
- ***A Fellowship Of Love & Fruitfulness***

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Matthew 18:20 (NIV) — 20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

- **The Visitation Of God’s Presence--** *brings to life Christians who have been sleeping*
- *Restores a deep sense of God’s nearness and holiness.*
- ***Promotes repentance, praise, evangelistic outflow, love***
- Mainstay Church Resources, Wheaton, IL,

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The Ultimate Destination Is The Presence Of God

- **There Is No Other Place Like It!**

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Psalm 84:1–4 (NIV) — **1** How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty! **2** My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. **3** Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God. **4** Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

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V.1 -- God's Dwelling Place Is Beautiful

V.2 -- Lord -- Everything In Me Wants To Be Where You Are

V.3 -- Lord -- Let Me Be Close To Your Presence

V.4 -- Blessings And Happiness Come To Those inYour Presence

V.10 -- 1 Day With You Is Better Than 1,000 Days Anywhere Else

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The Ultimate Destination

- The Cry Of Every Person's Heart
- Everyone Was Created To Know & Be In Is God's Presence
- Anything Else or Anywhere Else Falls Woefully Inadequate