

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 40:16, 34-38 TITLE: "Presence of His Glory"

Intro: Move in Day! It's finally here! Construction project. **New House. Freezer. Shed. Attic.**

Thesis: "God is present with us through His Spirit in the Gospel Ministry"

I. Obey

- A. **v.16** - Moses did what was commanded. Only after obedience does His glory show up.
- B. **Principle: When God's Commands are obeyed, His glory shows up.**
- C. **Bad News:** We don't.
- D. **Good News:** Jesus did. We trust in Jesus's work. We get the credit for obedience.
- E. Not even Moses could enter into the Tabernacle once the Glory showed up. Jesus could. We can.
- F. **Promise:** God's glory shows up when we repent & believe.

ILLUSTRATION: Field of Dreams theology. "If you build it, He will come". God doesn't work like that.

- G. We can't manipulate Him. We can't manufacture a Revival or Movement of Spirit.
- H. All we do is obey His commands. How He tells us to worship. We can only be faithful to His Word, Preaching His Gospel, Going to the Nations, Loving and Serving.

APPLICATION: Church Buildings. Old/New. Fancy/Simple. Clean/Stained. Big/Small. Traditional/Modern. Solid/Mobile. Symbolic/Practical. Dark/Bright. NONE of these things matter *if the Spirit doesn't show up, and if the Lord is not present by His Spirit glorifying Himself thru preaching of Gospel of Jesus.*
> **We PRAY PRAY PRAY. Pray for the Spirit. Spurgeon's Boiler Room.**

II. Follow

- A. **Jesus.** "Followers of the Way." **The Gospel.**
- B. **His Word.** What Does He tell us to do? Love. Serve. Give. Worship. Repent. Believe. Read.
- C. **His Spirit.** Watching where He's moving. Listening.
- D. **My Presence will go with you.** I will be with you always. Spirit will dwell in you. I will come into Him and eat with Him. *Fellowship with Spirit.*
- E. **His People.** Leaders. Believers. Mentors. Disciples. Fruit. Teachers. Faithful.
- F. **Leaders/Parents.** Bosses. Police. Respect. Those earthly representatives of His authority.

APPLICATION: Revelation does warn us that He will remove His Spirit from the church. I think I could name churches and denominations where God's Spirit once was, but now is not. Where the truth of God's Word was once confidently taught, and the Gospel of Jesus's grace boldly preached. But now through conformity to the world, fear of cultural acceptance, nicety, biblical compromise. REPENT.
> **Lack of Humility & Repentance. Gospel-Centrality. Jesus-Exalting. Bible-Fidelity. No Spirit.**
> **We see growth in churches and denominations that are faithful to Gospel Preaching. Not always.**

III. Wait

- A. **Wait for the Glory to show up.** Changed lives. Love for people. Humility. Repenting.
- B. **Pray for the Spirit.** The Glory.

ILLUSTRATION: Vacuuming Sanctuary. Outlet. Barely hanging on. Weak faith. Everything's in place. Vessel is ready. Built. Program. Service. Sermon. But no power. Holy Spirit. We need you!

- C. **The whole earth will be filled with the glory of God. The knowledge of the Glory of God.**
- D. **The way up is down. Last first. Foolish things of the world. Weak things. 1 Cor. 1:26-31.**
- E. **Power is made perfect through weakness. 2 Cor. 12:1-10.**
- F. **The Glory of God filled the tabernacle, fills us, fills church, is filling the world.**

ILLUSTRATION: Gideon's Army. 32,000 > 300. "Still too big, lest they take the credit. It's gotta be obvious that I did it. So that my name might be glorified."

APPLICATION: "MAKE." What did Jesus tell us to make? It wasn't a tent. Or altars. Or lamp stands. Or arks. Or buildings. He didn't even tell us to make the church. Or build a church. Jesus promised to build His church on the **Gospel.** The **confession** of Peter. "You are the Christ. The Son of the Living God." The **Rock.** "I will build my church." What's His one New Testament command to Make something? "Make Disciples." You Go into the world and tell people about me and teach them about me, and I will do the rest. I'll be with you always. Even to the end of the age. Building my church, and showing up in all my glory. You just keep on teaching and preaching the truth to people and disciples. Telling them more about me and my Word. And the glory will follow.

You want to see God's glory? Look to Jesus. Look to the Cross. Believe Gospel. Then share it.