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What is meant by the Presence of God?

1. Omnipresence
   - The unlimited presence of God in all places at all times. In other words there is nowhere in the universe that lies beyond the cognition and care of God

2. God’s Presence
   - An initiated endeavor by God himself to personally engage and dwell among those that are his people/Children of God

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3. Manifest Presence
   • In this instance God reveals/uncovers himself to his people.
   • God allows us to either see or understand his generous and personal attributes of who he IS

4. Coming Into God’s Presence
   • As a believer we are simply responding to the reality of God’s standing “INVITATION” to meet Him on His terms “face to face”.
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Why is understanding God’s presence so Important?
  • God’s presence is always influencing and affecting the Christian whether we are aware of him or not!

Unaware of God’s Presence
  • Many believers are unaware of God’s Presence. however we can ask God to make us aware of His presence 2Ki 6:17
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• What is God’s Presence Worth to You?
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• Before we can assess anything’s value we must:
  1. Perceive it – be aware of what it is
  2. Understand it – comprehend its significance (importance)
  3. Know it - by having or have had an intricate or personal experience with it
Assessing Gold Ore

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• Jacob perceives the Presence of God - Gen 28:10-22

• (He Becomes Aware of God’s Presence at the “House of God”)
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Bethel: The House of God

The **House of God** was a symbol for Israel as *the dwelling place of God among his people* where he would expose his presence in special ways.
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• Jacob understands the significance of the Presence of God - Gen 31:2-55

• He understand that God has been with him for 20 yrs while serving Laban
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- Jacob (Knows it) has a personal experience with God’s Presence - Gen 32:22-30

- He has a face off with God!
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  - The Ford of Jabbok
  - (bâqaq, baw-kah) Primary root means “to pour out, to empty”
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• Altars: altar means “a place of slaughter or sacrifice.”

• It was a place to maintain relationship between God and Man. **Meaning**: a place for maintaining the Presence of God.
INITIATING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

• How do we initiate that valuable presence?

Talk about Him

• 35 Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread. 36 And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. Lk 24:35-36

Gather Together

• 20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” Matt 18:20
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Praise & Worship

• 18 The Lord is near all those who give honour to his name; even to all who give honour to him with true hearts. Ps 145:18 (BBE)

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Being Still

• 7 Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act. Ps 37:7 (NLT)
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