

Presence - All Face To Face

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Marking The Trail

Now you have laid down the axe for a season and you have come to lie down in green pastures and drink of those still waters. This is where I will feed your spirit with the very mind of Christ. This is where I will refresh you in every way; spirit, soul and body with the refreshing of My counsel and with the refreshing of My **presence**. You have now, in a new way for you, entered into My rest.

Coveting The Gifts

“Lack Of Awareness” is the next tree that must fall. The number one obstacle that prevents people from walking in the Gifts is that they have no sense of the reality that I am with them. Has not the Word said, I have come unto you ... forever! I am with you. I am with you forever, says the Spirit of Grace.

Awareness of My **presence** is vital and key to operating in the Gifts. Understand that I am with you whether you are aware of it or not. But lack of awareness brings lack of faith. Lack of awareness brings lack of expectation. Lack of awareness causes the leadership that comes by vision, and by the inward witness, and by words spoken in your spiritual ear to be dismissed. Do not dismiss these things for it is by these that I manifest the Gifts through you, says the Spirit of the Lord.

Becoming Aware Of His Presence

Do you see how just two days without entering into My **presence** and hearing My counsel causes your ears to become dull of hearing? The flesh feeds on self-accomplishment. Your spirit feeds on My accomplishment. Your flesh trusts in self. Your spirit trusts in Me. To withdraw yourself from My counsel and from My strength to substitute labor in the flesh only strengthens the flesh against My counsel.

It is more than simply being a matter of “dullness of hearing.” If you will be honest, you will admit there is a reduction in your level of confidence that you are even hearing My voice. This is the result of the strengthening of the flesh by devoting your energy to it rather than spending your time with Me and

learning to trust in Me. Be quick to repent of this error. Most never do! Most never walk in My counsel. Most never walk in My power.

The number one thing you can do, right now, in order to seek the next clearing is to practice being aware of My **presence** all of the time. This may seem like a game to you but it is of the highest order of reality. It is not frivolous, nor is it non-productive. The most productive thing in your life right now is to become constantly aware that I am with you. In every situation. In every circumstance. All through the day, every day, practice being aware that I am with you. Speak with Me as though I am there ... for I truly am. Whether you hear Me respond or no, practice being aware of My **presence**.

For you see I am with you whether you are aware of it or not. It is you becoming aware of My **presence** that causes your expectation for the manifestation of the Gifts to be available to you in all situations. Speak to Me all through the day. Speak to Me as though I were your closest friend, for I truly am. Speak to me as if I were there to help you, for I truly am. We shall commune all during your waking hours. Even in the night seasons your communion with Me shall increase for I will begin to unfold dreams, revelations, and visions of the Lord to your mind. All of these things come as a fruit of your awareness of My continual **presence** with you.

Studying the Gifts profits a little. Becoming aware of My **presence** accomplishes much! Know and understand that I can accomplish more in a single day for you than you could accomplish yourself in many lifetimes. Releasing My power in every facet of your life comes by your continual awareness, continual fellowship with Me and continual hearkening to the instructions I give you by vision, revelation, and voice.

Forget not my instruction that the “Lack of Awareness” is the next tree that must fall. Above all else that you do, even regarding those things of administration, place the highest priority on becoming aware, continually, that I AM with you! This is the most necessary thing in your life, says the Lord, not the solving of the carnal pressures.

Again I say, as you become fully aware of My **presence**, all of the carnal things shall come into balance and they shall be handled according to My wisdom, not the wisdom of man. This, I promise you, says the Spirit of Grace.

Acting On Truth

Concerning the Gifts of the Spirit, there is more truth to be learned. But know and understand that the truth I have revealed to you thus far is sufficient for you to take action. I am trusting that you will follow My instruction to be continually aware that I am with you. As your awareness of My **presence** increases, then you will find that all of My instructions that come by vision, revelation and by voice shall come to you more and more frequently. But son, failure to act on those things will negate My power for all practical purposes. Failure to act on the faith I have given you through the knowledge of the truth will produce nothing.

I am pleased with your efforts since My instruction to you yesterday, even though your steps have been timid and with hesitation. You have acted, deliberately, to make yourself more aware of My **presence**. With this I am pleased, says the Lord. I am telling you now, as you continue, your steps shall become less timid and without hesitation. With great strides you shall walk as a man who walks stride for stride with his God. You shall do exploits!

I want you to understand that the Gifts of the Spirit are for your “life,” not for services only. Your life belongs to the Lord, not just while you are in the services. You are His servants, His co-laborers twenty-four hours a day, every day. In every situation and in every circumstance, you carry the Lord's **presence** with you and there is much work to be done. So, know and understand now, and do not be surprised when My instructions by vision, by revelation and by voice come to you in “unexpected” moments of time ... in “unexpected” circumstances. Action on My instructions will produce kingdom results every time without fail!

Waiting Upon God

To wait upon God is to spend time in My **presence** as I bring you His mind. Your responsibility is to submit your will to His mind as I unfold the will of the Father unto you. As you yield your life unto that life of Christ and His mind revealed in you, you then step onto the path of dominion. This is the path of anointing. This is the path of great blessing, says the Spirit of Grace.

To wait upon the Lord is to sit in My **presence** and hear the mind of the Lord until you have received His counsel in completeness. At that point you yield your will unto His mind. You go where I say go. You say what I tell you to say. You do what I say do. You act as I say act. As you conform to the mind of Him Who called you, then I perform all the Father's good pleasure as you walk in the steps of the mind of Christ.

Communion With The Holy Spirit

Many have not understood the difference between getting into the presence of the Father and the **presence** of the Son, and being in the **presence** of the Holy Spirit by direct communion. **Because they have not discerned the difference in the operations, they equate them as being the same thing, and they are not.**

When Christ came down from heaven to walk as a man among men, to be in His **presence** the only thing needed was to be in His geographical location. And if you were walking with Him there was no spiritual activity, no great spiritual labor involved to turn to Him and ask Him the questions of your heart. You would simply have turned and asked. He would have responded to you as you see recorded in the gospels.

As My Son came down, so now has My Spirit come down to be among men. The difference is, He is not limited by geographical location. He is with every son and He is with every daughter of mine all the time. I want your mind to be such that you understand you walk with Him every day just as if you had been walking every day with Jesus while He was physically on the earth.

I HAVE SENT MY HOLY SPIRIT TO BE IN THE **PRESENCE OF MAN!**

He is available to you at all times. You are to turn to Him with your questions as if you were turning to Jesus walking side by side with Him in the flesh. My Holy Spirit is with you, says the Lord. For this purpose He has been sent. It requires no great spiritual labor to enter into His **presence**, for I have sent Him to be in your **presence**, says the Lord.

Again, I say, as the Son came down to be in the **presence** of men, so now My Spirit has come down to be in the presence of men. He is in the **presence** of every man, all the time, twenty-four hours a day, in every geographical location. Walk and talk with My Spirit as though He were with you, for He truly is, says the Lord.

The Holy Spirit is nearer to you than your next breath. He is with you. He will hearken to your voice. He will commune with you as a Friend, as a Teacher, as a Counselor, and as a Helper.

He has also been sent and He is the one who brings you into the **presence** of the Son and into the presence of your Father Who are in heaven. This does require the stripping away of the flesh. This does require quietness of soul. This does require, often, fasting of the flesh. Through the avenues of worship, it is My Spirit that brings

your spirit beyond the veil of the flesh into the literal **presence** of the Son and of the Father. This does often require labor in the spiritual realm to acquire.

But communion with My Spirit is not so. It is not required of you to labor to enter His **presence**, for I have sent Him to be in yours, says the Lord. Understand He is available to you in the blink of an eye, in a millisecond, He is available. Commune with My Spirit! Commune with My Spirit, says the Lord.

In the natural realm, a man who is walking a narrow, rugged and dangerous mountain trail needs light while he is on the trail. Walking the trail in darkness while “believing” for light to come forty days later would be of no value whatsoever, says the Lord. It is the same in the realm of the Spirit. I sent My Spirit to light your path on a daily, moment by moment basis. He is walking with you, stride for stride. He is available to you moment by moment. I have sent Him to be in your **presence** since you have difficulty getting into Mine. He is with you. Commune with Him as if that were so, for it is the highest order of reality.

Do you understand My mind? Do you now understand the plan of the Father for the Helper I have sent unto you? These are My intentions. I have not left you orphans. I have not left you to find your own way through this world of darkness. I have sent you My Spirit. I have sent Him to be in your **presence**, since you have difficulty getting into Mine. He is with you and shall be with you.

Oh, how My body has neglected the Helper I have sent. My body has not understood nor discerned the measure of the help He has brought to them. My Spirit has been neglected and scorned and treated as One who must stand afar off. Yet will He not depart from the assignment that He voluntarily accepted. My Spirit agreed to walk in the **presence** of men, that all My mind and all My wisdom and all My counsel and all My power might be available to the sons of the Living God.

But as the Pharisees of old rejected My Son Who came to reveal Me, so has My body neglected My Spirit Who has come to reveal the Son. Neglect not your communion with the Helper!

The Highest Order Of Reality

This is the ministry of Jesus Christ. This is the ministry of Jesus Christ in you. The life He has imparted to you is the life which I anoint with dominion to manifest the will of the Father everywhere you shall go ... not only in services, but in every encounter as you are continually aware of My **presence**. As you continually hear

My voice, see My visions, and comprehend My revelations to you. The results of the moving of the Spirit shall be in your wake also, says the Spirit of Grace.

Unless the Spirit of the Living God is moved ... there has been no “ministry,” says the Lord.

The Works Of The Father

The mind of Christ Jesus for this day and for this hour is that the message has come to maturity. It is His mind and it is the will of the Father that believers now learn to sit in the **presence of the Comforter** Who has been sent that they may be instructed and learn and grow thereby in the ways of the Spirit. As they mature and come to adulthood, they will begin to receive instruction directly from the mind of Christ, which is the will of the Father, by the Spirit of the Father to go forth to dress and keep the garden of God.

The Scouring Post

The first instruction you received from His mind was to put first priority on becoming continually aware of My **presence** with you. Your diligence in this matter has been measured far below your diligence in the administration of the ministry. This must change! Put first place and give the most earnest heed to those things that I bring you from the mind of Christ for these are the things involved in your transformation to walk on the path of the works of God being manifested in the earth.

I will help you with this as a measure for your mind. Measure out your day. On purpose, schedule time to put first place becoming aware of My **presence** with you. Measure the day and measure the time that you give to this first instruction from the mind of Christ. I say unto you again there is nothing more important in your life than this complete and total awareness that the Spirit of the Living God is with you.

The Son wants you to know that the time you spent today in fellowship with Me and to make yourself more aware of My **presence** in a more complete way is the most life changing time you have sown to the Spirit this year. Although it is not apparent to your mind at this point, it will be apparent to your eyes in the very near future, as you see the ministry He has called you to change from being the works of man to being the works of God, which can only be accomplished by the Spirit of God.

The God Of Hope

You will find that once you are fully into hope, where the vision is more real in you than what you have seen in the past, when that vision comes to maturity and hope is a living thing within you, you will find that faith will quickly appropriate the resources of the Father by the Spirit to manifest that hope in the earth.

Again, I say to you, faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For this reason, I have instructed you from the mind of Christ that the next tree that must fall on the path to the working of the supernatural is “lack of awareness of My **presence**.” As your hope sees the image of the ministry the Father has called you to, and your consciousness is fully aware that your Father's Spirit is with you to accomplish His will, faith becomes a simple matter. Faith quickly appropriates that which has been first obtained by hope.