

GENESIS 26:1-35

ISAAC: PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

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GOD'S PRESENCE

"Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me." (Psalms 139:7-10)

"And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:3-4)

"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD." (Jeremiah 23:23-24)



**"YOU MAKE KNOWN TO ME THE PATH OF LIFE; IN YOUR PRESENCE THERE IS FULLNESS OF JOY; AT YOUR RIGHT HAND ARE PLEASURES FOREVERMORE."
(PSALMS 16:11)**

THE NATURE OF GOD'S PRESENCE (A BIBLICAL OVERVIEW)

GOD'S PRESENCE IS WRAPPED UP IN HIS BEING
GOD'S PRESENCE HAS A REDEMPITIVE FUNCTION
GOD'S PRESENCE IS THE FULLFILLMENT OF HIS PROMISES AND THE METHOD
TO FULFILLING HIS PROMISES
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THE PROMISE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

GOD'S PRESENCE ON EARTH IS FOR HIS PEOPLE AND MARKS US OUT AS HIS
GOD'S PRESENCE ON EARTH IS FOR SOJOURNERS WHO LONG FOR A BETTER CITY
GOD'S PRESENCE ON EARTH REMINDS US OF THE ETERNAL PROMISES
GOD'S PRESENCE ON EARTH PRODUCES OBEDIENCE IN THE FAITHFUL
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SIN AND CONFLICT IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GOD'S PRESENCE WITH HIS PEOPLE IS MEANT TO BE A WITNESS TO THE LOST.

- OUR SELF - PRESERVATION DOES NOT SHOW GOD'S PRESENCE
- OUR SELF - RELIANCE DOES NOT SHOW GOD'S PRESENCE
- OUR SELF - RIGHTEOUSNESS DOES NOT SHOW GOD'S PRESENCE

THE BLESSING OF GOD'S PRESENCE WILL LEAD TO CONFLICT WITH THE WORLD

- THE WORLD THINKS IT OWNS AND DETERMINES ALL THINGS
- THE BELIEVER MUST DEMONSTRATE THAT GOD OWNS AND DETERMINES ALL THINGS

TRUSTING GOD'S PROMISE OF HIS PRESENCE WILL LEAD TO REDEMPTION

- REDEMPTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD AS WE RETURN TO WORSHIP
- REDEMPTION FOR THE WORLD THROUGH THE BLESSING OF GOD'S PRESENCE-
THROUGH FEAR OF GOD AND LIVING AT PEACE
- GOD'S PRESENCE IS THE MOST POWERFUL WITNESS TO GOD'S POWER AND REDEMPTION... NOT
OUR WISDOM OR OUR POWER, BUT THAT WHICH COMES FROM THE
BLESSING OF GOD'S PRESENCE.

GOD'S PRESENCE IS FOR THOSE ELECTED TO SPEND ETERNITY IN HIS PRESENCE.

- THE BEST INDICATOR THAT GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU IS THAT YOU DESIRE HIS PRESENCE
- THE BITTERNESS OF LOVED ONES WHO DON'T LOVE GOD SHOULD DRIVE US
BACK TO GOD HIMSELF

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THE FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PRESENCE

GOD'S PRESENCE SHOULD PRODUCE FAITH, OBEDIENCE, WORSHIP,
AND JOY IN GOD'S PEOPLE.
GOD'S PRESENCE IS THE PROMISE OF ETERNITY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE AND HAS BEEN SECURED
BY THE SAVIOR WHO CAME TO US AND GUARANTEED BY THE SPIRIT WHO DWELLS
IN US.

“Many Christians estimate difficulty in the light of their own resources, and thus they attempt very little and they always fail. All giants have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on His power and presence to be with them.”

– Hudson Taylor