

Devotional: Abiding In God's Presence

Christian Devotion about spending time in God's Presence

And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses. All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man in his tent door. So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle. - Exodus 33:9-11 (NKJV)

It's in abiding in God's presence that God speaks to us. But how do we continually abide in God's presence? How do we take His presence into every area of our lives—our every day lives?

I believe it's as we spend time in God's presence that His character comes through in our attitudes, and in the way we think about things, and how we respond to people, and the way we handle situations. In this way, we are being transformed, and as a result, we are able to take His presence with us wherever we may go.

Above all other things in our lives, including service to the Lord, we need to be living in God's presence. Sometimes we can get so busy 'doing' that we neglect just 'being' in God's presence. For it's out of being in God's presence that we can hear God speak, and inspiration can flow, creativity can flow and service can flow. But it's firstly coming into God's presence, and daily walking in it, before we have this 'outflow'.

God longs to have this fellowship with us. But sometimes we feel ashamed or unworthy, so we hide from Him. We may feel as though we have no time in our busy schedule to spend time just basking in God's presence. But I believe God wants us to put off all these 'hindrances' and 'excuses' to just commune with Him.

I feel as though God has been speaking to me lately about 'abiding in His presence'. I need to learn to put this into practice daily—as I tend to allow other things to 'prioritise' my time.

So why don't you choose with me today, and every day, to abide in God's presence—despite how we feel. We will all be better off for it!

Lord, help me abide in your presence,
Each moment of every day,
To clearly hear your still small voice
And be inspired by what you say.

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. - Psalm 91:1 (NKJV)

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