

The Message Notes

Series: Biblical Human History

Message: *God's Presence ii*

Scripture: Exodus 33:12-16

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Review: Biblical Human History

1. God **removed** human beings from His **Garden** and **presence** because of their **sin** (Genesis 3:22-24).

CT: God does not allow sin to **dwell** where He abides. What does this mean for the assembly of the church and sin (I Timothy 5:20)?

2. God has an **eternal plan** to **redeem** human beings and bring all things back under His **authority** in heaven and earth through Jesus Christ (Genesis 3:15, Ephesians 1:9).

CT: Where is Christ's **authority** today, so I can **align** myself with God's plan to be under Christ's authority (Ephesians 1:22-23)?

3. God called **Abraham** and promised him **land**. God promised Abraham that he would make him a **great nation** and all the **nations** of the earth will be **blessed** through his Seed (Christ) (Genesis 12:1-3).

4. God called **Moses** to **deliver** the children of Israel from Egypt. God instructed Moses to establish a **priesthood** and make Him a **sanctuary**, so He could **dwell** with His people (Exodus 25:8).

CT: "If God called a people unto Himself, we should expect the **evidence** of His **presence** being with them."

5. God's people are **holy**, **separated** from the **rest** of the people on earth (Deuteronomy 7:6).

CT: What does it look like to work at living a **holy life**, **separated from all other** people (Leviticus 18:2-3)? How do I live in the **culture** but **do not act** like the culture (Romans 12:2)? Do I want my walk in Christ to be **imitated** by others? Have I made any **alliances** that requires me to **compromise** my **faith** in Christ?

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1. God's **presences** with **Moses**:

- **Seek to know** God's **ways** – v13, Psalms 103:7

- **Do not go** without His **presence** – v14-15
- God's presence **sets us apart** – v16

2. God's **presence** defined

- a) **Omnipresence** – God is **everywhere** though we are not aware of Him being present (Psalms 139:7-8).
- b) **Inner** presence – God **dwells in you** by His **Spirit**, so you can take upon Christ's **manners**, and **mindset** (I Corinthians 6:19).
- c) **Corporate** presence – God dwells **with us** in the assembly of His people (Ephesians 2:22).
- d) **Manifest** presence – God is **present** to make Himself known by revealing Himself to you (St John 16:8).

3. God's **presence** sought after in **worship**

- a) Seeking Him – aligning yourself – 2 Chronicles 7:14
 - **Humility** – think less of yourself
 - **Pray** – acknowledge God
 - **Repent** – turn from your wicked ways
 - **Response:** I will hear, forgive, and restore
- b) Our worship meeting: Psalms 22:3
 - Prayer – seeking our alignment
 - Songs – expressing our joy
 - Offering – giving our first
 - Songs – yielding our souls
 - Word – hearing His instructions
 - Response – submitting our will

“Worship does not bring the presence of God in our assembly. Worship makes His presence already present known to us.”

- c) **Religious** and **Relational** worship
 - Know it
 - Experience it
 - Not do it

1. Religion is the **outward** observances of the rituals of the Christian faith, but you are **not aware** of His **presence**. Your incentive in worship is **transactional** (Matthew 15:8-9). **2. Relationship** is an **inward commune** with God's Spirit within you that compels you to seek God to **overtake all your heart**, so He can make His **presence known** by your submission to His **ways**. The relationship is **transformational** (Jeremiah 29:13).