

Greater Presence

Pursuing Presence: Worship creates Place for His Presence (Ps 22:3)

Omni Presence - Aware?

(Ps 139:7-8) ⁷Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? ⁸If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.

(Col 1:17) ¹⁷And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. (held together)

Indwelling Presence - Aware? Greater? Effect?

(1Co 3:16) ¹⁶Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

(Ro 8:11) ¹¹But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Attentive Presence - Aware? Greater? Effect?

(Mt 18:20) ²⁰“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

(Mal 3:16) ¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who meditate on His name.

Experiential Presence - Aware! Greater? Effect? (ex: youth prayer retreat)

(Ps 16:11) ¹¹You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

(Ac 3:19) ¹⁹ ...so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

Increasing Presence - How do you “draw near” to indwelling God? Limit?

(Jas 4:8) ⁸Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

Three Errors

1. Low Expectation - Limit to Indwelling Presence
2. Hesitancy - He determines His Presence apart from our Influence
3. Easily Satisfied - No Expectation Beyond His Presence

Presence, Power, Glory (story)

(Ps 63:1-2) ¹ O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. ²So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory.

Worship brings Presence (Ps 22:3), then we can Pursue Beyond Presence

Elisha needed to Prophecy (2 Ki 3)

(2Ki 3:15) ¹⁵“But now bring me a musician.” Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.

ex: Bethel Healing Room

Hearing God – Presence First (Place of Rest)