

First Love Ministries, Inc.  
PRAYER STUDY #40  
IN HIS PRESENCE

*Thou wilt show me the path of life. In thy presence is fullness of joy.  
At thy right hand there are pleasures evermore.*

Psalm 16:11

I know of no greater privilege on this earth or in the world to come than being in the Presence of Jesus. In a sense, we are always in His Presence, when we are born again, by way of the Holy Spirit which comes to tabernacle in us when we accept Christ. According to Colossians 1:27, "Christ in you is the hope of glory." Therefore, He is always in our hearts and present, and He is there in a special way every time we meet in His name(Matthew 18:20). There are times, however, when His Presence is so real and causes an almost holy hush in His people. These are the times that Tenney was referring to when he talked of "Presence Evangelism."

If His Presence brings joy, and *the joy of the Lord is our strength*(Nehemiah 8:10), surely we should seek after His Presence much more than we do so that we be a part of that Daniel Company of Daniel 11:32 that shall know their God and be strong and do exploits in these Last Days.

The scriptures indicate that manifestations of His Presence or the Angel of His Presence are not that uncommon. There is no doubt in my mind-and I think this is scripturally backed-that we can know His Presence in an extraordinary way if we walk in humility and obedience and are sensitive to His Spirit.

The purpose of this study, however, is to look at some of the reactions of the Presence of the Lord. I will highlight only a few but believe that these reactions to the Presence of the Lord still characterize reactions to Him in the world today.

1. **THE BACKSLIDDEN BELIEVER:** Most backsliders follow the example of Adam and Eve and foolishly try to hide themselves and their sin from God thinking they are fooling Him and His Body. *And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: And Adam and his wife hid themselves from the Presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.* Genesis 3:8
2. **THOSE WHO REFUSE GOD'S REDEMPTION:** Many people simply walk away from the Presence of God. They put off and put off accepting the provision the Father has made, the shed blood of Jesus, and brush off the conviction of the Holy Spirit, until their lives are wasted. *And Cain went out from the Presence of God and dwelt*

*in the Land of Nod, on the east of Eden. Genesis 4:16 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love on another, not as Cain who was that wicked one and killed his brother. And why killed he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:12*

**3. BELIEVERS WHO KNOW GOD'S WILL BUT REFUSE TO**

**DO IT:** Many Christians find themselves in the dark, controlled by circumstances, and having no Word from the Father because they walk in disobedience, grieving the Holy Spirit, even though they know what He has asked them to do. *Now the Word of the Lord came unto Jonah, the son of Amitai, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it for their wickedness is come up before me, but Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord and went down to Joffa, and he found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the Presence of the Lord. Jonah 1:1-3*

**4. CHRISTIANS HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE WITH JESUS:**

The Lord has always had a remnant who refuse to bow and who stay on their knees to be in His Presence. *Now it came to pass, as they went that he entered into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His Word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving and came to Him and said, "Lord, doe you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Bid her, therefore that she help me." And Jesus answered and said unto her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things. But one thing is needful, and Mary has chosen that good part, which shall not be taken from her." Luke 10:38-42*

Like Mary, we can choose the good part, i.e. being in His Presence.

1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 16:27

*Glory and honor are in His Presence; Strength and gladness are in His Place.*

Psalm 9:3

*When my enemies turn back, they shall fall and perish at your presence.*

Acts 3:19

*Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing come from the Presence of the Lord....*

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:29

*That no flesh should glory in His Presence.*