

Abiding in the Presence of the Lord

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you" (John 15:7).

My purpose in this message is to stir you up and recreate your first love in the Lord, and earnestly desire to dwell in the presence of the Lord. Also share with you what has driven me through the years.

There is such a thing as the manifested Presence of the Lord

"Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden" (Gen 4:16).

Obviously, Adam and family remained near to the entrance of the Garden where the cherubim was on guard. God was on the inside and they were on the outside.

"Then the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD" (Job 1:12).

"But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. So he went down to Joppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare, and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD" (Jonah 1:3).

Do you thirst after the Presence of the Lord?

- 1 As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for Thee, O God.
 - 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God?
 - 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while {they} say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"
 - 4 These things I remember, and I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go along with the throng {and} lead them in procession to the house of God, with the voice of joy and thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.
 - 5 Why are you in despair, O my soul? And {why} have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him {for} the help of His presence.
 - 6 O my God, my soul is in despair within me; therefore I remember Thee from the land of the Jordan, and the peaks of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.
 - 7 Deep calls to deep at the sound of Thy waterfalls; all Thy breakers and Thy waves have rolled over me.
- Ps 42:1_7

"Do not cast me away from Thy presence, and do not take Thy Holy Spirit from me" (Ps 51:11).

The prophetic insight to the "time of the evening sacrifice"

Ex. 29:38-42. "In between the two evenings or twilight time.

The death of Jesus on the cross corresponds with the time of the evening sacrifice.

The coming of the Holy Spirit corresponds with the time of the morning sacrifice.

The dual prophetic insight to the prophet Elijah. POWER!

Matt. 17:1-13: "Elijah is coming" and "Elijah already came"

The prophecy of Elijah is found in Mal. 4:5. Completely fulfilled?

Some years ago, having been seeking God about being a part of the final move of God, I was lead to this passage and began to reread the story of Elijah. 1 Kings 17-19.

Please consider: 1 Kings 18:

The contest between Elijah and 850 cultist.

The rebuilding of the altar (12 stones)

The prayer of Elijah (at the time of the evening sacrifice)

The fire came and consumed the offering.

The victory at the brook of Kishon (flows at the base of Megiddo)

At the time of the evening sacrifice there was Power!

At the time of the evening sacrifice there will be revelation!

And it will come about in that day that there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. For it will be a unique day which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light" (Zech 14:6_7).

"but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and {which} have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him. For to us God revealed {them} through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God" (1 Cor 2:9_10).

"But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase" (Dan 12:4).

The Golden Lampstand - Almond Tree blooming - gifts of the Holy Spirit

"Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD" (Isa 11:1_2).

"And when Aaron trims the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense. {There shall be} perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations" (Exod 30:8).

The light will shine the brightest at the time of the evening sacrifice.

"Trimming the light"- taking out the ashes.

"Speak to Aaron and say to him, "When you mount the lamps, the seven lamps will give light in the front of the lampstand" (Num 8:2).

The purpose was to give light to the Holy Place.

The men on the way to Emmaus:

"And they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is {getting} toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." And He went in to stay with them. And it came about that when He had reclined {at the table} with them, He took the bread and blessed {it,} and breaking {it,} He {began} giving {it} to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight" (Luke 24:29_31).

The Son of Man in the midst of the golden lampstand. Rev. 1:12-20

At the time of the evening sacrifice there will be worship!

The Golden Altar of incense

"And you shall put this altar in front of the veil that is near the ark of the testimony, in front of the mercy seat that is over {the ark of} the testimony, where I will meet with you. And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it; he shall burn it every morning when he trims the lamps. And when Aaron trims the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense. {There shall be} perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations" (Exod 30:6_8).

"And another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand" (Rev 8:3_4).

"May my prayer be counted as incense before Thee; the lifting up of my hands as the evening offering" (Ps 141:2).

At the time of the evening sacrifice there will a pure word

The Bread of His Presence (Table of Showbread) The Word!

12 cakes (small round flat cakes) made from fine flour, arranged in two rows, sprinkled with frankincense were on the gold table. Each sabbath the cakes were replaced by fresh ones, and Aaron and His Sons ate the old cakes that had been in the Presence of God while standing in the Holy Place. There was not provision made for them to sit down because the job was never completed.

However, Paul writes the following about our High Priest, Jesus:

"And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified" (Heb 10:11_14).

I believe the 12 cakes represents the Word of God and when it is eaten, it becomes part of you. Only that bread that had been in the Presence of God could be eaten.

Much of the word that is preached has not been in the presence of God, but aged and fermented on the table of our minds.

Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective firepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. And fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD" (Lev 10:1_2).

Flesh will die in the Presence of the Lord

There is the baptism of the Holy Spirit and of fire. Power to perform and fire to purify. The two baptisms must come together!

Lev. 16- the approach to the presence of the Lord

At the time of the evening sacrifice there will be Communion

“And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you? And he said, “I heard the sound of Thee in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself” (Gen 3:8_10).

They were driven away from the presence of the Lord. The nearest they could come to the Presence was by the guarded gate.

Leadership grows and bears fruit in the presence of God

“Now it came about on the next day that Moses went into the tent of the testimony; and behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi had sprouted and put forth buds and produced blossoms, and it bore ripe almonds. Moses then brought out all the rods from the presence of the LORD to all the sons of Israel; and they looked, and each man took his rod” (Num 17:8_9).

The dead things will grow and bear fruit in the Presence of the Lord.

Victory over our enemies that block our way into the promises of God is by focusing and being in the presence of God.

"We ourselves will cross over armed in the presence of the LORD into the land of Canaan, and the possession of our inheritance {shall remain} with us across the Jordan" (Num 32:32).

“For you have not passed this way before” (Josh. 3:4).

We must cross over with our eyes on the Presence of the Lord.

“O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us, the work that Thou didst in their days, in the days of old. Thou with Thine own hand didst drive out the nations; then Thou didst plant them; Thou didst afflict the peoples, then Thou didst spread them abroad. For by their own sword they did not possess the land; and their own arm did not save them; but Thy right hand, and Thine arm, and the light of Thy presence, for Thou didst favor them. Thou art my King, O God; command victories for Jacob” (Ps 44:1_4).

This request of Moses should be the request of everyone today, “Show me your Glory!”

"Now therefore, I pray Thee, if I have found favor in Thy sight, let me know Thy ways, that I may know Thee, so that I may find favor in Thy sight. Consider too, that this nation is Thy people. And He said, "My presence (My Face) shall go {with you,} and I will give you rest. Then he said to Him, "If Thy presence does not go {with us,} do not lead us up from here. For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Thy sight, I and Thy people? Is it not by Thy going with us, so that we, I and Thy people, may be distinguished from all the {other} people who are upon the face of the earth? And the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight, and I have known you by name."

I beseech thee, show me thy glory. It is not easy to perceive the precise object of Moses in making this request, He had enjoyed repeated opportunities of beholding extraordinary displays of the divine glory—on the summit of Sinai (Exo. 19; 20), along with the whole people of Israel—on an elevated platform of that mountain, when admitted with Aaron and the 70 elders to the privilege of a special interview (Exo. 24:11)—at a subsequent period, when alone in communion with Yahweh during forty days and forty nights (Exo. 24:18). But he was not satisfied with what he had witnessed; each successive exhibition stimulated his desires for fuller discoveries of the divine nature.

“Then Moses said, "I pray Thee, show me Thy glory! And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be

gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion. But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live! Then the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand {there} on the rock; and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen" (Exod 33:13_23).

Read 2 Cor. 3:12-18

The promise of a "Resurrection Life Movement", in my opinion, is found in the Scriptures. We have promise of supernatural Power, Revelation, Worship, anointed Word, as the church matures in His Presence.

By being in the Presence of God, we will come together in the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace, accompanied by the power, revelation, love that is in the Holy Spirit.

Every person and church can experience "times of refreshing" as we walk in the Spirit, even as Christ did!
He did only those things that He saw His Father doing and spoke only the words that He heard His Father speaking. John 5 & 12.

"Thou wilt make known to me the path of life; in Thy presence is fulness of joy; in Thy right hand there are pleasures forever" (Ps 16:11).

"Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms" (Ps 95:2).