

God's Presence in Scriptural Essence

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There are divers' exhibitions of manifestations in suppositions alleging to "feel" God's presence. Such portray interactions of God's direct or indirect presence in suppositions of:

1. God's eternal, spiritual presence
2. Misperceived, physical/visuals of God's presence
3. God's physically unseen presence

Differentiation between: God's actualized presence in genuine spirituality is scripturally adverse to His misperceived presence in physicality. Observations of each of them are distinguished:

God's Eternal, Spiritual Presence

God's presence isn't realized in actively and persistently pursuing teachings combined with so-called powerfully yet pseudo "spiritually" cleaning techniques. Such are geared supposedly to eventually draw its practitioners "closer" to God and thus they start to feel God's spiritual presence in their daily life. Scripturally, such is realizable solely in the eternal actualized sphere of God's son-positioning rather than interludes of humankind's forays in moderations' time narrated processions. Genuine spiritual stability is oriented entirely in God's eternally beneficial, permanency occupational venue. This subsistence is comprehensively impressed as opposed to compulsions implicated more or less in sensationally emotionally, physical intuitions. Confirmed spiritual disciplines are reliably focused in complete their compliments of eternality verses the revolving compliances of rituality. Hence, reliable disciples are scripturally defined as eternally arranged in what is transcendent of physical visuals.

Conversely, physical disciplines profess spiritual nuances in emotional sacred incites of imaginary contemplations. Religious rituals numerous times inspire euphoria sensations through diver's forms of meditation. Yet, they are primarily cued to human's orientations pursuing elation conscientiousness for whatever offer most pleasantries. Environmental acclimations feign "religious" stimulations of spiritual distinctions in the mantra charting implements of exploiting despicable employs in contractions to intensify emotions at the expense of authenticated reliability. Imaginary "God-seeking" never has any confidential perception or awareness of God being present in mystical contemplations. Such selfish oriented aura is too spiritually dense to perceive God's communication. This portrays to the scriptural unenlightened in disguises of human resonations occasioned restrictively

to illusions of restorations in a mystical sense of God's "personal presence" of visuals in physical presentations.

However, much of what is portrayed exhibit diverse options to "purify and uplift" psychic, illusionary vibrations that "open up" their perceptions of God's direct presence. Genuine spirituality nurtures exhibitions beyond focusing on multiple functions of daily "seeking" God's presence. Resolutions in physical conundrums are occupied in sensitivity, as are oriented primarily in the present view of existence. Conversely, the persistently powerful connection with God isn't sustainable in becoming aware through feelings of perceiving God's presence in life. The chief issue inhabits the unscriptural premise that partnered associations initiate humanly incisive productions for God's presence for fulfilling the natural basics of societal structures to bring God's people closer to Him day after day. The ultimate goal of all reliable spirituality engenders God's union or oneness in eternal aspects of abiding presently permanent rather than periodically and eventually what will lead to God's union.

These "spiritual practices" don't substantially or instantaneously incite spiritual progress for what is successfully completed in eternity's direct and persistent presence of God permanently in His people's eternal world in Him. God's Presence everywhere at once is the huge picture of being constantly secured as His Beloved. This is indeed the core of securely enduring, unaffected by the presence of contentious feeble things that transmit pending isolation. In this sense, God's entire inhabitant is in extent of eternal life where all are residing in God's Intent. Abiding occupation is in purpose destination, so things are never found or chanced but prearranged. This demonstrates reliably in scripturally viewing eternity's stability, transcendent beyond earthly input of religious "bizarre type incantations." Genuine spirituality rather than mystical physicality flows correctly in mode of demonstrating God's Power. All things should be viewed in their intent of expression, in concert with God's purpose.

Eternal Knowledge of God's presence inspires opposite of anxiety and defenselessness in the sense of spiritual expectations. The reality of occurrences are never interpreted as purposes within themselves, i.e., to shape somebody or something but merely express the unwavering reality of divine purpose. Specifically, this in-depth comprehension was eternally assigned to certain ones of God's people. It is certified in various uses of the Greek word *ἐπίγνωσις* (**ehp·eeg·no·sees**). Colossians 1:6 conveys this rendering in the expression " .. and perfectly knew of the grace of God in truth." In the same passage, verse 9 states "full knowledge" of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding." Verse 10 states, "and increasing to the perfect knowledge of God." This entire context of Colossians chapter 1 exhibits the enormous benefits bestowed on those endowed with the complete revelation of God's presence. He created all things IN HIM (Christ) and all were determinately purposed and eternally resolved in the secured arena of spirituality.

The solitary purpose in uniting with God is established in the Scriptures. Religious ritual practices aren't effective over any extended period, as conscious awareness of God's presence substantially progresses in confidence of God's commitment to His beloved.

Directly and consciously abiding entails His love and blessings documented in scriptural harmony with eternal knowledge of His presence. The scriptural conscious perception of God's presence is spiritual discernment, as opposed to emotional, mystical procedures; engendering humanly selfish goals and ego oriented activities.

Misperceived, Physical/Visuals of God's Presence

The Scriptures emphatically express definitive instructions for spiritually progressing as the most direct and efficient conduit to God's presence. Yet, explicit humanness relates through physical, emotional channels; mystically oriented in visual looking, feeling and seeing, as opposed to God's Saying. Grace occupations clearly abide in the Scripture's documentations of eternal completion. What is mystical staged as unfeigned is limited in irresolute efforts to administer visualized exhibitions of God's presence. Such illusionary impressions are extended at the expense of the majority of God's people's confidence in His solitary scriptural inhabitation. Hence, too many depend upon their "experiences" of "surreptitious visits" from God in this life. In this sense, His "appearance expressions" portray God in physical presentations, yet such aren't scripturally conformable. What is accurately necessary extends transcendent to employment of life in physicality medians' venues as semblances of the following means of visual contemplations' resonances:

- God's "physical presence" is intermediary expressed in humanness to replicate precise spiritual resolutions. In most cases, such misappropriation of spirituality proposes to discover the very basics of relations in emotionalism.
- Many of God's people are entirely interred in images and thus disconnected in physical illusions of spirituality. Such misapplications instill rather than preclude humanly perceived "creationism" or "provocative complacency" in spirituality's love and reconciliation of precise purpose chosen in particular souls.
- Encounters in visual illusions extract physicality occurrences, alienating God's modes in mystical cultures of abrasive means to rejoin or alienate dependence upon scriptural certifications. It is by uninformed default that inaccurate power and abuses are entrenched in the mystical humanistic reasoning utilized in the abusive, alienated retention of "supernatural" as the guardian status displaying God's presence. However psyche temperaments follow alienated companions in humanly "godly interludes," they surrender all claims of authenticity in their estranged dissolve of His presence.
- Visualizations abandon or exchange safekeeping from the scripturally realized completed to the collaboratively artificial extensions in mystical industrialisms. In this sense, God's presence isn't scripturally implicit as the eternally installed inhabitation of every chosen one instituted in residency of His divine grace but resonates in inputs of emotionalism. Proceedings in initiations and restorations of God's presence are confusing and unreliable in the depictions of emotional occasions. Conversely, its benefits are non-negotiable beyond assessments of mortal's authority on earth or elsewhere. Every approach of humanly produced medians is utterly ineffective as "successful resuscitation" in physical dramatic interventions amidst unfilled spirituality.

- God's attendance is precious in every occurrence, yet demonstrative functions are fully operative solely in authenticity of their sourced essence of perfection. Every humanly infused incantation is misguided in its attempt to substitute as a vigorously nourishing function of God's love and communion. Thereof, such in every spiritual sense in it many means expires in actualized purpose, even in intense employments of emotional conditions rather than simply the successful accomplishment of eternity. Spiritual occupations abide in the absoluteness of eternity, which transmit transcendent beyond the sphere of human reasoning. Such venues are magnificently resolved in awe-inspiring eternal actualization rather than enthralled in interventions of humanly demonstrative effectuations. Physicality's selectivity fails in every aspect of suitability when it is substituted as the release of duty to God or progression in intentions of human sensitivity.
- Hence, physicality modes of inciting God's presence are void of any scriptural originality. Such courses deteriorate as they are strictly submerged in physical channels as human misperceived needs in substituting mystical emotionalism. Eternal determination eclipses all endeavors to abandon the security of God's presence scripturally declared in locale of the son positioning of His beloved. Eternal actuality exudes the exclusive formation of indwelling relations of God's people in spiritually satisfying their need of communing with and in Him.

II Thessalonians 1:9 states, "... who will suffer justice, eternal destruction, from the face (presence) of the Lord and from the glory of His power." These recipients are clearly identified in the prior verse (8), in the Greek phrase *τοῖς μὴ εἰδόσιν θεόν* (**tees mee ee-tho-seen Theh-on**) rendered "those had not and not knowing God." Hence, pre-assigned destruction in non-choice of their son positioning in the body of Christ are only those *οἵτινες δίκην τίσουσιν ὄλεθρον αἰώνιον* (**ee-tee-nehs thee-keen tee-soo-seen ol-ehth-ron eh-o-nee-on**) rendered "who will suffer justice, eternal destruction" and *ἀπὸ προσώπου τοῦ κυρίου καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς δόξης τῆς ἰσχύος αὐτοῦ* (**ahpo pros-o-poo too kee-ree-oo keh ahpo tees thox-ees tees ees-kheeos ahf-too**) rendered "from the face (presence) of the Lord and from the glory of His power." Thus, this verse establishes the solidity of God's presence fully constituted in the locale of eternal placement rather than the status of human invocations.

The reliable passions are internalized in scriptural reconciliation with God's presence everywhere at once in the huge picture of being constantly secured as His Beloved. This is the foundation of securely enduring, unaffected by the universe's locale. The extent is according to God's presence in purposed designation, which isn't found or chanced but prearranged in scriptural view of stability in eternity. God's presence flows authentically in demonstrating God's Power. It should be viewed in intent of scriptural knowledge in the sense of expectations of the reality of spiritual occurrences. It expresses unwavering reality, having been ordained according to God's Purpose. The key position is that all intentions of revelations of God's presence are complete in purposed testimony located in eternity.

God's presence reveals transcendent to human physical alliance, as such is of original essence, completely fulfilled in God's intended purpose amidst His kindness in eternal selection. His purpose is never entertained in "empty or abandoned" presence in venue status. It is directly viewed in eternal positioning of His beloved as "hidden" presence in occurrence of eternal placement status rather than seemingly evoked accumulations in humanly, roving scripturally uncommunicative bequests. Such inadequate exhibitions of spiritually empty esteem merely summons instances of useless contrived exercises as acquisition receivers that exude their opposite manner of exquisite effects. Experiences of genuine casualty are not attributable to humanly created dart parades of destitutions on earth. Authentic spiritual apparel furnishes actuality directly in His Will. Emotionalism drawn from visual sensationalism only pursues actions and reactions in inferior settings. Such seems suitable in the tendency of human participant occupancy as uniquely God's presence, yet its precepts are inclined in physically focusing rather heavenly viewing!

God's Physically Unseen Presence

God's "hidden" (physically unseen) presence exists beyond the globe, in entire creation beyond this planet. Instinctive human conscientiousness demonstrates insignificantly to challenges in associations displaying instructions of how spiritual things won't manifest. Settings of confirmed orderliness aren't secured by executions in humanly authoritative systems. God's presence is accommodated in knowledge that He is omnipresent; yet, it is even more confirming in comprehension that all existence is in Him. It is strictly in this sense that God is in all places, at all times, and especially in all locations all at the very same time. God's surety is repeatedly constant beyond His beloved's cognizance, even without them recognizing Him. What is borne into that essence is His eternal love that is in the locale of son positioning. Physical associating expires whereas spiritual inspires in the reality that "ABIDING IN HIM" certifies His essence transcendent of "WALKING WITH HIM."

Hence, such progression with Him bores into physically assessing devotional adoration in an occasional sanity of emotional uplift. The limitations of these brief interludes aren't ever verifiable conduits of God's presence. Euphoric intendances of visual incantations soothe their surrounding fragments of visual affections, as though they etch actuality in positioning but they are vernal intermediates acting as temporary posturing figments at best. Physically emotional demonstrations chart whoever and whatever dispositions are structured in their precise counterparts of acceptance as the substantial actions directed toward God's presence. These illusionary approaches don't qualify as securely coursed features in scripturally verifiable accountability. These acts of transformations are limited in scope to the "physical scene" rather than "spiritually unseen."

"Practicing the presence of" or "soaking in the presence of" defies the factuality that God is omnipresent, i.e., He is everywhere at all times. Corroboratively, Psalm 139:7 states, "Where could I go from Your Spirit or where could I flee from Your presence?" This verse concludes that there isn't any place that any of His beloved is hidden from His presence. God is everywhere as everything is IN HIM. Those eternally chosen IN HIM

are never isolated FROM HIM. It is in this sense that God promised that “He shall never leave you nor forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5). Abiding is synonymous to ones positioning in the presence of God, as well as DWELLING IN the scope of His omnipresence. The indwelling positioning in God’s presence was actualized eternally. This is distinguished from unenlightened seeking of mystical emotions geared to feelings rather than resting securely in scriptural reality. Hence, scriptural comprehension of His omnipresence and indwelling of His Spirit preclude emotionally longing after the presence of God.

It is this specific lack of understanding, which compels longing and hungering for what is inherent and dwells within. Experiencing the presence of the Lord is entrenched in the realization of abiding in God’s presence, of having been enabled to scripturally perceive His presence and having been conscious of Him. Increasing awareness of His presence is an increase itself in experiencing the power of God. Although God is always upon and within, it is obvious that there are times when He is consciously in greater measure and in this mode experienced as intimately in greater capacity. While physical associating as the presence of God may relate more personal in emotionalism, its scriptural assurance more certifiably reveals His glory. Deuteronomy 4:29’s restrictedly expresses revelation of those earnestly seeking Him or wanting to walk in His presence. Yet, the emotionally expressive dialogs shouldn’t be reliantly exercised as how to “usher in” or “bring down” God’s Presence because of scripturally advanced enlightenment.

There is no spiritual need to be “practicing God’s presence” in emotional manifestations. I Corinthians 3:16 states, “Don’t you know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit has His permanent dwelling in you?” Contrary to how this is interpreted by some, this reference is the beloved eternal placement in the Heavens, in Christ (Ephesians 1:3-4). Hence, the defining locale exhibits in the spiritual unseen rather than the visual scenery of what is experienced by placing Him in settings of adoration through worship. There is no spiritual need to “make room for Him” by focusing attention on Him in ritual invocations. Awareness of being in God’s presence is realized in sufficient learning that its most valuable asset accumulates in eternal son positioning. God’s promise is the all inclusive factor scripturally drawing His nearness. Thus, His presence isn’t in reciprocity of His beloved’s efforts to draw near to Him in worship experiences but in confidence of eternal placement.

Abiding in God's presence is only accomplished in His Word. There’s no scriptural mode for certifiably practicing abiding in God's presence except by abiding in His Word. Jesus said, "if you having abided in Me and My Words having abided in you....." This is because Jesus is always present in ever increasing measures as authentically abiding in His presence in worship in God's Word always in manifestation of **God's Presence in Scriptural Essence.**