

The Presence of God – Lesson

Lesson summary: The biggest changes in your life will happen in the presence of God. Make it a daily goal to seek His presence.

PSALM 105:4 (NIV)

Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

PSALM 24:5-6 (NIV)

⁵He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior.

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

To pray successfully is the first lesson the preacher must learn if he is to preach fruitfully; yet prayer is the hardest thing he will ever be called upon to do and, being human, it is the one act he will be tempted to do less frequently than any other.

- A.W. Tozer

What are some elements of successful prayer?

- It has to do with entering the presence of God.
- Delighting yourself in the Lord.
- Expressing the depth of your heart in love to Him.
- You hear from God.
- Your heart is put at peace.

How do we pray successfully?

- Practice makes perfect.
- Praying in the Spirit (speaking in tongues in your prayer time).
- Allowing your whole being to be caught up in God's presence.
- Letting go of everything else, so that the only thing that exists is you and God.
- Imagine yourself in His throne room seeking Him and worshipping Him.
- Being willing to devote the time to being with God long enough for the distracting thoughts to go away and your focus to be completely on Him.
- Interceding for those you care about is an important aspect of prayer as well.
- Telling God how wonderful He is.
- Thanking God for all He has done for you.
- You will get to a point where you can't even really speak anymore, and you are overwhelmed by His power and holiness. Don't fear that.
- Have a heart that longs for more of Him.

Why His presence?

- That is where you will be healed of your wounds inside.
- That is where you will begin to understand His dealings with you.
- That is where you will be made whole.
- That is where you will receive a greater desire for Him.
- That is where you will begin to learn His voice and His character through experience.
- That is where you will come to "know" Him.