In His Presence

But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. 1 Corinthians 1:27-29

The immanent God we usually meet in Immanuel is gentle, kind and gracious. When we read about His presence, we see that Jesus is fully God including all-powerful, omnipresent, full of justice, awesome. But look again. His presence brings righteousness, peace, and joy. He is the Lord, the Judge, the King of Kings yet He allows us to receive rest and refreshing from His Presence. We do not take for granted who He is in all His fullness. We do not lose His transcendent glorious wonderful Person by becoming intimate with Him.

Studies included in this article are: The Presence of The Lord; The Presence of God; My Presence; Your Presence; The Presence; Biblical Examples: God Is Present And Departs From Someone; God Is Present In Or Seen Through Our Praise; Out of His Presence.

For more information on this topic, please see: "The Lord Is Always With Us"; "Salvation"

The Presence of the Lord

- Genesis 3:8 And they heard the sound 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 4:16 Then **Cain went out from the presence of the LORD** and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.
- Genesis 27:7 'Bring me game and make savory food for me, that I may eat it and bless you in the presence of the LORD before my death.'
- Judges 18:6 And the priest said to them, "Go in peace. The presence of the LORD be with you on your way."
- Job 1:12 And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." So **Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.**
- Job 2:7 So **Satan went out from the presence of the LORD**, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

- Psalm 97:5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- Psalm 114:7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, At the presence of the God of Jacob.
- Jeremiah 4:26 I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness, And all its cities were broken down At the presence of the LORD, By His fierce anger.
- Jonah 1:3 But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.
- Jonah 1:10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, "Why have you done this?" For the men knew that **he fled from the presence of the LORD**, because he had told them.
- Zephaniah 1:7 **Be silent in the presence of the Lord GOD**; For the day of the LORD is at hand, For the LORD has prepared a sacrifice; He has invited His guests.
- Haggai 1:12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him; and the people feared the presence of the LORD.
- Acts 3:19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.
- 2 Thessalonians 1:9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.

The Presence of God

- Psalm 68:2 As smoke is driven away, So drive them away; As wax melts before the fire, So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- Psalm 68:8 The earth shook; The heavens also dropped rain at the presence of God; Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- Luke 1:19 And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.
- Hebrews 9:24 For **Christ** has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, **now to appear in the presence of God for us**.

My Presence

Exodus 33:14 And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

- Leviticus 22:3 Say to them: 'Whoever of all your descendants throughout your generations, who goes near the holy things which the children of Israel dedicate to the LORD, while he has uncleanness upon him, that person shall be **cut off from My presence**: I am the LORD.
- Psalm 101:7 He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house; **He who tells lies shall not continue in my presence.**
- Jeremiah 5:22 Do you not fear Me?' says the LORD. 'Will you not **tremble at My presence**, Who have placed the sand as the bound of the sea, By a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass beyond it? And though its waves toss to and fro, Yet they cannot prevail; Though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it.
- Jeremiah 23:39 Therefore behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you and forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and will cast you out of My presence.
- Ezekiel 38:20 So that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

Your Presence

- Exodus 33:15 Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here."
- 2 Chronicles 20:9 'If disaster comes upon us—sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine—we will stand **before this temple and in Your presence** (for Your name is in this temple), and cry out to You in our affliction, and You will hear and save.'
- Psalm 9:3 When my enemies turn back, They shall fall and perish at Your presence.
- Psalm 16:11 You will show me the path of life; **In Your presence is fullness of joy**; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- Psalm 17:2 Let **my vindication come from Your presence**; Let Your eyes look on the things that are upright.
- Psalm 21:6 For You have made him most blessed forever; You have made him exceedingly glad with Your presence.
- Psalm 31:20 You shall hide them in **the secret place of Your presence** From the plots of man; You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion From the strife of tongues.
- Psalm 51:11 **Do not cast me away from Your presence**, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
- Psalm 76:7 You, Yourself, are to be feared; And who may stand in Your presence When once You are angry?
- Psalm 139:7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

- Psalm 140:13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name; **The upright shall dwell in Your presence.**
- Isaiah 1:7 Your country is desolate, Your cities are burned with fire; Strangers devour your land in your presence; And it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.
- Isaiah 64:1 Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence—
- Isaiah 64:2 As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil—To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence!
- Isaiah 64:3 When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, **The mountains** shook at Your presence.
- Luke 13:26 Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.'
- Acts 2:28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'

The Presence

- Romans 4:17 [Abraham] (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did.
- 2 Corinthians 2:10 Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ.
- 1 Thessalonians 2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?
- 2 Thessalonians 1:9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.
- Hebrews 6:19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the **Presence behind the veil.**
- Hebrews 9:24 For **Christ** has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of **God** for us;
- Jude 1:24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless **Before the presence of His glory** with exceeding joy.
- Revelation 14:10 He himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

Biblical Example:

Isaiah In The Temple Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts." Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged." Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

God Is Present And Departs From Someone

Abraham: Genesis 17:22 Then He finished talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

Genesis 18:33 So the LORD went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

<u>Jacob</u>: Genesis 35:13 Then God went up from him in the place where He talked with him.

Aaron and Miriam: Numbers 12:9 So the anger of the LORD was aroused against them, and He departed.

God Is Present In Or Seen Through Our Praise

Psalm 22:3 But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Out of His Presence

(While God is omnipresent and everywhere, these experienced or feared being out of the Presence of the Lord in some way)

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- Jonah 1:10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, "Why have you done this?" For the men knew that he [Jonah] fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.
- Jeremiah 52:3 For because of the anger of the LORD this happened in Jerusalem and Judah, till He finally cast them [His people] out from His presence. Then Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.
- 2 Thessalonians 1:8b-9 ...On those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.

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