

GOD'S PRESENCE THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS

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Scripture: Exodus 33:12-23

¹² Then Moses said to the Lord, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people!' But You Yourself have not let me know whom You will send with me. Moreover, You have said, 'I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.' ¹³ Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight. Consider too, that this nation is Your people." ¹⁴ And He said, "My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest."

¹⁵ Then he said to Him, "If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here. ¹⁶ For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?"

¹⁷ 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." ¹⁸ Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!" ¹⁹ 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." ²⁰ But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!"

²¹ Then the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand *there* on the rock; ²² 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. ²³ Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."

Key scripture: Exodus 13:21-22 American Standard Version (ASV)

²¹ And Jehovah went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them the way, and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light, that they might go by day and by night:

(A) Old Testament examples of people seeking for Gods presence

- (i) David
Psalms 42:1-2 As the deer pants for the water brooks, So my soul pants for You, O God. ² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; When shall I come and appear before God?
- (ii) King Solomon
2 Chronicles 7:1-27 Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the house. ² The priests could not enter into the house of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD'S house.
- (iii) Eli
1 Samuel 4:18 When he mentioned the ark of God, Eli fell off the seat

backward beside the gate, and his neck was broken and he died, for he was old and heavy. Thus he judged Israel forty years.

(iv) Phinehas' wife

1 Samuel 4:19-22 ¹⁹ Now his daughter-in-law, Phinehas's wife, was pregnant and about to give birth; and when she heard the news that the ark of God was taken and that her father-in-law and her husband had died, she kneeled down and gave birth, for her pains came upon her. ²⁰ And about the time of her death the women who stood by her said to her, "Do not be afraid, for you have given birth to a son." But she did not answer or pay attention. ²¹ And she called the boy Ichabod, saying, "The glory has departed from Israel," because the ark of God was taken and because of her father-in-law and her husband. ²² She said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God was taken."

(B) New testament examples of people abiding with God's presence

(i) Jesus Christ

Acts Of Apostles 10:38 *You know of* Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and *how* He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

(ii) Peter

Acts Of Apostles 3:6 But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!"

Introduction: Biography of Moses

a) Birth: His father was Levite

Exodus 2:12 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a daughter of Levi.

b) Parents names were revealed in Exodus 6:20

Amram married his father's sister Jochebed, and she bore him Aaron and Moses; and the length of Amram's life was one hundred and thirty-seven years

c) Spared from death by Pharaoh's daughter

Exodus 2:2-10 The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was beautiful, she hid him for three months. ³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got him a wicker basket and covered it over with tar and pitch. Then she put the child into it and set *it* among the reeds by the bank of the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to find out what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the Nile, with her maidens

walking alongside the Nile; and she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid, and she brought it *to her*.⁶ When she opened *it*, she saw the child, and behold, *the* boy was crying. And she had pity on him and said, “This is one of the Hebrews’ children.”⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women that she may nurse the child for you?”⁸ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Go *ahead*.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother.⁹ Then Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child away and nurse him for me and I will give *you* your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed him.¹⁰ The child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter and he became her son. And she named him Moses, and said, “Because I drew him out of the water

d) Saving his fellow Hebrews:

Exodus 2:11-12 Now it came about in those days, when Moses had grown up, that he went out to his brethren and looked on their hard labors; and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren.¹² So he looked this way and that, and when he saw there was no one *around*, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

e) Fled to Midian:

Exodus 3:1-3 Now Moses was pasturing the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.² The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed.³ So Moses said, “I must turn aside now and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up.”

f) Called by God:

Exodus 3:4 When the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”⁵ Then He said, “Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”⁶ He said also, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.⁷ The LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings.⁸ So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.⁹ Now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them.

g) MOSES ASKS FOR GOD'S PRESENCE
Exodus 33:12-23

Moses went up the mountain to take God's laws. The people of Israel saw that Moses delayed and made for themselves a golden calf. God became angry and told Moses that He would no longer go before the Israelites. Moses pled with God on the behalf of the Israelites.

God said perhaps the Angel the Lord might go before them:
Ex 33: 2 I will send an angel before you and drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

But Moses wanted the presence of the Lord:
Exodus 33:14-16 The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

WHY DID MOSES SEEK FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

(A) God's presence transformed his life
Exodus 3 :1-23

The Holy Spirit transforms our lives, e.g.

- (i) Purity Romans 8:2-8
- (ii) Boldness Acts 2:14, 4:8,13

(B) God's Presence is the source of miracles
Exodus 4 :1-10, 7:1-12:51

The Church performs miracles through Jesus Christ

- Jesus promised the church:
Mark 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. ¹⁶He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. ¹⁷These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly *poison*, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."
- John 14:12 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do; because I go to the Father.

- Matthew 10:1 Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.
- Acts 3:6 But Peter said, “I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!”

(C) God’s presence is the source of victory:

Exodus 14: 13-14: But Moses said to the people, “Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the LORD which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent.”

- Romans 8:31-32 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?
- Romans 8: But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us
- 1 John 4:4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world..

(D) God’s presence meets our daily needs:

Exodus 16:12 “I have heard the grumblings of the sons of Israel; speak to them, saying, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

Conclusion: It is important to have thirsty for sweet relationship with God. We must do the following things if we can enjoy our fellowship with God:

- (i) Pray always
Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- (i) Repent of our sins
Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden *His* face from you so that He does not hear.
- (ii) Read the Bible
John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.

- (iii) Preach Jesus to the lost
Matthews 28:19-20 ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you
always, even to the end of the age.”

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