

In His Presence PART 3

1 Thessalonians 4:3 KJV

MAIN TAKEAWAY

God is omnipresent, which means He is everywhere, but there are things that we can do to bring the manifested presence of God to our lives.

KEY SCRIPTURES & TAKEAWAYS

1. How to draw God's Presence and Power:

- a. **Hungry:** God does not go where he is not wanted. When we are hungry for a move of God, He shows up. What you feed gets stronger. If we're full of the distractions of the world, we won't have room for God. How to create hunger for God:
 - i. Our Bible reading plan- Scriptures stir up hunger in us.
 - ii. Seeking the face of God through our prayer life.
 - iii. Reflecting on the goodness of God- remember what God has done.
 - iv. Remove distractions- if we're full of the world's distractions, we won't have room for God.
 - v. Fellowship with people on fire for God.
 - vi. Find out God's righteous ways and His principles.
 - **Matthew 5:6 KJV** Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
- b. **Holy:** We need to prepare our hearts, make our homes a worship center, remove the sin by repenting, and asking God to forgive us. We are to be consecrated, separated, dedicated, uncompromised, not conforming to the world, but transformed by the Word. Sanctification is a process to become like Christ, His disciple and follower. We reflect the nature and character of God wherever we go. Holiness is a process, not perfection.
 - i. **Matthew 5:8 KJV** Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
 - Purity comes before power.
 - ii. **Hebrews 12:14 KJV** Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:
 - We must actively to pursue holiness.

c. Humble: We all have something wrong in us, wicked ways and sin. We must be teachable, correctable, adaptable to the Holy Spirit.

- i. **2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV** If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2. My purpose is to reflect God's character: We get caught up in location and vocation, and even though that is a part of God's will, the #1 priority is to imitate Christ, to reflect Him.

a. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7 KJV ³For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: ⁴That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; ⁵Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: ⁶That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. ⁷For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

- i. To sanctify means to make holy, to be separated. Through this, we'll reach our potential and God's will for us.
- ii. Honor and God's favor follow sanctification.
- iii. Every day we are to be less like the world and more like the reflection of Jesus on earth.

REFLECT & REVISIT

Go back and read **1 Thessalonians 4:3**, reflect on how God's will for our lives is to become more like Him, to be a reflection of His character and nature in this world. This week, take an intentional step toward holiness by removing distractions, recognize and repent of one known compromise, adjust one habit that does not reflect Christ and commit to obeying one area of Scripture you've been neglecting.

Make your home a worship center this week. Prepare your heart before church. Live undivided, not a Sunday Christian and weekday compromise. Remember when you live **hungry, holy, and humble**, you will not miss your potential, and you will experience the manifested presence and power of God in your life.