

Title: A hunger for the presence of God
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Word

Created for His presence

Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion..."

²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

The result of the fall

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.

Moses' desire

Exodus 33:12-17

¹² Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.' ¹³ Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people." ¹⁴ And He said, "My Presence will 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 bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth." ¹⁷ So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name."

David's desire

Psalms 51:11

Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

Psalms 139:7

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

1. Protection in His presence

Psalms 9:3-4

³ When my enemies turn back, They shall fall and perish at Your presence. ⁴ For You have maintained my right and my cause; You sat on the throne judging in righteousness.

Psalms 31:19-20

¹⁹ Oh, how great is Your goodness, Which You have laid up for those who fear You, Which You have prepared for those who trust in You In the presence of the sons of men! 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.

2. Joy in His 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 21:6

For You have made him most blessed forever; You have made him exceedingly glad with Your presence.

3. Vindication in his presence

Psalm 17:2

Let my vindication come from Your presence; Let Your eyes look on the things that are upright.

Jesus' purpose

Matthew 1:23

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call his name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

John 14:16-18

¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

The result of His presence

Acts 4:13

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.