

"IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD"
PSALM 114:1-8

INTRO: At various times in the Word of God we see illustrations of situations where people have been blessed by being in the presence of the Lord:

- Moses: Exodus 3:1-6
- Isaiah: Isaiah 6:1-8
- Disciples: Matthew 17:1-8

EXPERIENCING THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD ALL DESIRE...NOT IN THE SENSE OF SEEING HIM DIRECTLY, AS THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY HOW GOD WORKS IN THIS AGE, **BUT BEING CLOSE TO HIM TO THE POINT THAT HE CHANGES OUR LIVES.**

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I. HOW CAN WE EXPERIENCE THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD?

EXPERIENCING THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD IS NOT DIFFICULT!

- A. Time Away Alone with God
- B. Time in Confession of Sin
- C. Time In the Scriptures
- D. Time in Prayer

ILLUSTRATION:

II. WHAT DO WE EXPERIENCE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD?

SOMETHING THAT CANNOT BE SEEN ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD!

- A. From Our Perspective
 - 1. The Rash of our Sinful Condition
 - 2. The Reality of our Unworthiness
 - 3. The Recognition of our Smallness
- B. From God's Perspective
 - 1. The Holiness of God
 - 2. The Majesty of God
 - 3. The Works of God

ILLUSTRATION:

III. HOW WILL WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD?

WE WILL HAVE LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE!

- A. Our Worship of God will become real
- B. Our Service to God will become exceptional
- C. Our Strength from God will become evident
- D. Our Boldness for God will become clear
- E. Our Ministry for God will become alive
- F. Our Joy in God will become consistent
- G. Our Peace from God will become recognized

ILLUSTRATION:

IV. WHY SHOULD WE SEEK THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD?

GOD DESIRES FOR US TO BE IN HIS PRESENCE!

- A. To Get to Know Him Better
- B. To Get to Honor Him More
- C. To Get to Glorify Him Greater

ILLUSTRATION:

CONCLUSION:

1. WHAT EFFORTS HAVE YOU BEEN TAKING TO EXPERIENCE THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD LATELY?
2. WHY HAVE YOU NOT TAKEN EFFORTS TO GET INTO THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD LATELY?
3. WILL YOU TAKE EFFORTS TO GET INTO THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD NOW THAT WE HAVE STUDIED ABOUT IT?