



Hosting God's Presence









God's omnipresence

'Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

if I settle on the far side of the sea,

even there your hand will guide me,

your right hand will hold me fast.' (Psalm 139.7–10)



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God's manifest presence

"The presence and the manifestation of the presence are not the same. There can be one without the other. God is here when we are wholly unaware of it. He is manifest only when and as we are aware of His presence."

(A.W. Tozer)

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'The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea'

(Hab 2.14)

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'Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," ... I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain.'" (Rev 21.1–4)

God's manifest presence

- Is hard to describe (Ezekiel 1)

God's manifest presence

- His Face

'One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. My heart says of you, "Seek his face! [*pane*h]" Your face [*pane*h], Lord, I will seek.' (Psalm 27.4, 8)

God's manifest presence

- His Glory

God's manifest presence

- Physical Manifestations

- Shaking

- Fire

- Cloud

- Light

- Dove

- Wind



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- Effects on Worshipers

- Weeping
- Falling down as if dead
- Increased passion for worship and prayer
- Celebration
- Lament
- Awe / fear of God
- Confession and Repentance

God's manifest presence

'In him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.' (Eph 2.22)

'Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?' (1 Cor 3.16)

'You like living stones, are being built into a house for the Spirit' (1 Peter 2.5)

God's manifest presence

"The reason the church is in crisis today is because we have settled for the omnipresence rather than for the manifest presence of God." (Fred Hartley)

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- 2) Honour His Presence

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'All the priests who were there had consecrated themselves... and were playing cymbals, harps and lyres. They were accompanied by 120 priests sounding trumpets... Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever." Then the temple of the Lord was filled with the cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God.' (2 Chron 5.11–14)

