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To our friends -- We have decided to use this area to share things with our visitors. It could be words of encouragement, revelations, prophecies, etc. We pray these writings will bless you. All glory goes to God. You may retrieve archived copies in the Storehouse section of this web page. If you would like to comment about this article, you may email at comments@ministryofprayer.org. We welcome your thoughts. We pray you will be blessed as you visit this site.

NOTE: We invite you to download our newly created "Promise Card" which is stored under Scriptures for Framing. We hope it will bless you.

The Secret Place

Psalms 91. A favorite scripture of many Christians. A favorite of mine. It is a Psalm of protection, deliverance and abiding peace. It is not for sure if this was written by Moses or David, but it was certainly someone who knew their God and how to approach Him.

It speaks of the secret place and that place is the presence of God. That is where we can partake of all the benefits it mentions. I realize we have Him with us as we walk through our daily lives, but we need to cultivate that special set aside time to spend with Him. It is intimacy with Him that will enable you to discern truth from lies. That will become increasingly important in these days.

We love to sing praises because it makes the flesh feel good, but do you desire also to spend time alone with just Him? The flesh will often burn as you near His presence and will desire to enter back into worldly life. It is our natural state of habitation. Your mind will be flooded with things other than Him.

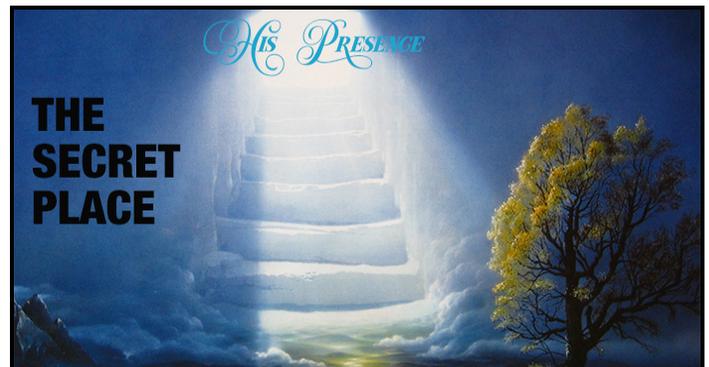
It can be a steep climb to enter into His Presence and those muscles must be built by regular use. With practice you will almost float there without any effort. Here are a couple of stanzas from a poem I love. (You will find the whole poem in our storehouse section; "Distractions in Prayer".)

Sweet Jesus! teach me how to prize
These tedious hours when I,
Foolish and mute before Thy Face,
In helpless worship lie.

Prayer was not meant for luxury,
Or selfish pastime sweet;
It is the prostrate creature's place
At his Creator's Feet

First and foremost we come to minister to the Lord; to fellowship with Him. Don't bombard Him with all your needs immediately. He knows our needs before we ever get there. Admire Him. Love Him. Enjoy Him. We will get around to praying for our needs and things He has laid on our heart. Our Lord Jesus prayed fervently every day. It was not a chore to Him. It was His reward.

Things have been difficult for many these days; for some more than others. I'm sorry to say, but I believe there are more hard times ahead. Not necessarily the tribulation, but hard times to be sure. I have heard it said that forty to fifty percent of people will not return to church after these times.



There are many people that claim there is a mass conspiracy. The fact is, one does exist and has been in effect since the days of Adam and Eve. The conspiracy is between good and evil. A one world order (the great re-set) is even now trying to come into existence. I do not mean people are necessarily conspiring among themselves (although many are). Some don't even know what they are doing, but they are unwittingly working with the spirit of anti-christ; the spirit who has sought control since the death of our Lord. Unfortunately, that time is quickly coming. We are living in prophetic times.

We must all be fully trained in approaching the Presence. It is only there that we will be secure. The faith of many will be sorely tried, and unfortunately a lot will fail. This will be the great falling away. I pray regularly that people's faith will not fail; even as Jesus prayed for Peter. However, we must all count the cost and be committed to pay any price required of us. Our victory lies not in the here and now but in eternity.

I want to tell you a story I heard about a believer from Puru. In Puru they were trying to get food into a village being tormented by a terrorist group called The Shining Path. They targeted the pastor and his son. They said to the father, "We are not going to kill you, but we are going to kill your son to show you this is the cost of what you are doing.

After that they chopped off the father's fingers one at a time until he denied Christ. When he did not, they scalded him with boiling water. Still not denying Christ, they cut out his tongue saying this will keep you from speaking of Him. They then cut open his chest, ripped out his beating heart and ate it.

I do not in any way intend to terrify or dissuade you. I want to emphasize the price many are willing to pay and the length evil will go to prevent the gospel. Do you think you could even go through this without the strength of God. Do you ever feel inadequate for the task? He has said His strength is made perfect in weakness. (2 Cor. 12:9 NKJV) Begin now to cultivate His Presence. It will give you a strength you never knew you had.

We are all vessels to be used in His house. Will you be that vessel of gold. Gold means submission and obedience; desire for Him above all else. Priests of old came into His Presence just once a year and that upon penalty of death. We approach at will, not even considering His holiness. Do you take His Presence casually or treasure it above all else. Be very careful about how you approach the living God; not in fear, but in reverence. He is not our fellow companion but our God.

It is said He is returning for a bride without spot or wrinkle. An iron applies heat and pressure. That's how you get rid of wrinkles. Will you let God have His way with you? Psalm 139:23 say "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me". I never thought of anxieties as being wicked. Unbelief or lack of faith can be.

I don't know what you may be going through or what to do. Perhaps you are fearful about your current situation and various happenings. You may be carrying the burden of others as well as yourself. The only thing I can tell you is I don't have the answers, but I know the One who does. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Do not trust in your wisdom or the world's. Trust in God. He is "meer dan genoeg". That's dutch for "more than enough"; and He is. Are you trusting Him for eternal life but you can't trust Him to see you through these times?

He desires fellowship with us. Let us never take His grace for granted. The deeper you go in this journey, the less you can take with you. The closer you draw to God, the more is required. He has said, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." (Lev. 19:2)

I would urge you now to begin to cultivate His Presence. He speaks in a still small voice and we must be attentive to hear. This is the secret place and we need to begin to dwell there.

Heavenly Father. As I seek You to fill more and more of my life, may I become aware of your Presence in all of creation. I will cultivate the Secret Place until it becomes my constant habitation. I will do the work and plow the ground. Whether I am alone with You or walking with You through this life, You alone will be my preeminent desire.

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