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# The Presence of God

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- O Quel Bonheur de le Connaitre
- There is not a friend like the lowly Jesus
  
- With your neighbor, thank the Lord for the night
- Thank Him for the day

Share with your neighbors something you receive from the Lord either from your bible reading, your meditation, your service to the Lord, something that lifted your heart. Let's share and let's pray.

- Prayer topics : T.A and the 40 day fast from 4th November till 13th December 2015
  
- Toujours joyeux, telle est notre devise
- Qu'il fait bon à ton service
- Donnons Lui la gloire

## PROCLAMATIONS

Revelation 5: 12(b)

"The Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!"

We are asking the Lord that we grow in sanctification. So when we pray and confess, it is not just to throw heaviness in the spirit of the brethren. When we pray for the negative aspects of sanctification, it is to wash our robes. Then He talks about the positive aspects of it, they put on white robes without spots, that is the things we are praying for. We are not just praying for us, but for all those who are part of our ministry. If God obtains a group of people who are like that, God will use us to meet the needs of others who are in need. We don't ignore the fact that we are part of the Body of Christ but we first take care of our wine yard and God has given us a specific task, we don't need to find out what is the task of others. God will compare each one of us with Jesus Christ and the blue print He has for us.

Prayers : Sanctification 2

Ephesians 5: 25-27

- We proclaim that God's purposes for the former communist lands will be accomplished
- We proclaim that God's purposes for the city of Yaoundé will be accomplished
- We proclaim that God's purposes for the nation of Cameroon will be accomplished
- We proclaim that God's purposes for the city of Douala will be accomplished

- We proclaim that God's purposes for each Muslim nation will be accomplished
- We proclaim that God's purposes for each Hindu nation will be accomplished
- We proclaim that God's purposes for each Buddhist nation will be accomplished

Song :  
He is Lord / Il est Roi

- We proclaim that the prince of communism has been overthrown in.....and Jesus Christ is Lord of.....
  - We proclaim that the satanic prince of Yaoundé has been overthrown and Jesus Christ is Lord of.....
  - We proclaim that the prince of Cameroon has been overthrown and Jesus Christ is Lord of.....
  - We proclaim that the satanic prince of Douala has been overthrown and Jesus Christ is Lord of .....
  - We proclaim that the satanic prince of Malsi (Islam) has been overthrown in ..... And Jesus Christ is Lord of....
  - We proclaim that the prince of Hinduism has been overthrown in ..... and Jesus Christ is Lord of.....
  - We proclaim that the prince of Buddhism has been overthrown in ..... And Jesus Christ is Lord of...
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- Lord of the harvest, urgently raise and give us the ..... Missionary couple for the former communist lands (1st-100th)
  - Lord of the harvest, urgently raise and give us the ..... Missionary couple for the city of Yaoundé(1st -100th)
  - Lord of the harvest, urgently raise and give us the ..... Missionary couple for Cameroon (1st-100th)
  - Lord of the harvest, urgently raise and give us the ..... Missionary couple for the city of Douala (1st-100th)
  - Lord of the harvest, urgently raise and give us the ..... Missionary couple for the Malsi nations (1st-100th)
  - Lord of the harvest, urgently raise and give us the ..... Missionary couple for the Hindu nations (1st-100th)
  - Lord of the harvest, urgently raise and give us the ..... Missionary couple for the Buddhist nations (1st-100)

- Lord of the Harvest, we plead that you urgently give us laborer in -----  
-----so that the harvest in ..... Is not lost. (pray for the seven levels)
- We proclaim that the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ shall prosper in each former communist nation and there shall be a large harvest of souls for God's kingdom from the communist nations.
- We proclaim that the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ shall prosper in the city of Yaoundé and there shall be a large harvest of souls for God's kingdom from Yaoundé
- We proclaim that the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ shall prosper in Cameroon and there shall be a large harvest of souls for God's kingdom from Cameroon
- We proclaim that the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ shall prosper in the city of Douala and there shall be a large harvest of souls for God's kingdom from Douala
- We proclaim that the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ shall prosper in each Malsi nation and there shall be a large harvest of souls for God's kingdom from the Malsi Nations
- We proclaim that the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ shall prosper in each Hindu nation and there shall be a large harvest of souls for God's kingdom from the Hindu nations
- We proclaim that the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ shall prosper in each Buddhist nation and there shall be a large harvest of souls for God's kingdom from the Buddhist nations.

Songs :

- Dans les Cieux et sur la Terre
- Seigneur ce que mo cœur réclame

## THE PRESENCE OF GOD

I want us to thank the Lord for the co-workers in the ministry that have been faithful for the many years and decades.

When you look at any ministry, after every ten years, you will notice that the faces change. To me, to enter a church and find the very old faces, and then new faces, and then very new faces, those are indications of a healthy community.

I want us to thank the Lord for the co-workers who have been there faithfully for years, and that is also a way of asking you: "Where you will be in ten years if Jesus tarries?"

You can know now. The heart is also a shadow of the future, your life will carry you where your heart is now.

In what they call "near death experiences", one of the things that have been established is that the people who claim to have died, at the moment you almost leave your body, your body goes where your heart was. So I learnt something, which the Bible says: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be". If you were to die now, where is your mind now? It is a strange experience.

So your future is already present in the condition of your heart now. As time helps genetic manifest, in the same way, time will help you know your heart. If there is any lesson to learn from those who have fallen away, it is that you should learn that when they were there, they were like you as you are now, that means they too, when they were still there, they were thinking the way you are thinking now, your heart is a shadow of your future.

- Twenty people in the hall to just thank the Lord for those who have been there for decades, decades and decades.

It is interesting for those who are old to begin to remember those who believed with them.

Praise the Lord!

Exodus 33:14-16

14 And the LORD replied, "I will personally go with you, Moses. I will give you rest—everything will be fine for you."

15 Then Moses said, "If you don't go with us personally, don't let us move a step from this place.

16 If you don't go with us, how will anyone ever know that your people and I have found favor with you? How else will they know we are special and distinct from all other people on the earth?"

The distinguishing mark of the church is the Presence of God. That which separate the church from any other group, is the Presence of God. A church is not a club, it is not an organization, it is not a business, it is not a worship family. What distinguishes the church from a club? From an organization? From any other group of men? It is the Presence, the Presence of God, the personal Presence of God. The Lord Jesus said: "Where two or three are gathered in My Name, there I am in their midst." It is the Presence that makes the church. Whatever our programs, whatever our activities, whatever our doctrine, it is the Presence of God that distinguishes the church.

The church can be full of sin, the church can be immature, the church can have many nasty things, the church can have false leaders, but the day the church does no longer have the Presence of God, when God takes away his Presence, that is the last desolation. It is over. Jesus told the Israelites: "Your house is left to you empty, until you say: Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord". The House of God the temple, is now call their house when God goes. The temple become your house, if God leaves CMFI, it will become your house, or your organization, or your church. The final desolation is the loss of the Presence of God. A church can lose holiness, it can lose revival, it can lose its first love for the Lord Jesus, the church can be in many conditions.

In the desert you find that there were some things, Israel could be rebel, they could be zealous, they could be idolatrous, but the fire never left. The cloud during the day never left. God could be angry, but He never left. He could judge them, but He never left, until he finally left. Israel knew the final desolation: the loss of God's Presence.

2King 17: 13-23

(2Kgs 17:13-23 [NIV (New International Version)])

The LORD warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers: "Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I commanded your fathers to obey and that I delivered to you through my servants the prophets. "But they would not listen and were as stiff-necked as their fathers, who did not trust in the LORD their God. They rejected his decrees and the covenant he had made with their fathers and the warnings he had given them. They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless. They imitated the nations around them although the LORD had ordered them, "Do not do as they do," and they did the things the LORD had forbidden them to do. They forsook all the commands of the LORD their God and made for themselves two idols cast in the shape of calves, and an Asherah pole. They bowed down to all the starry hosts, and they worshiped Baal. They sacrificed their sons and daughters in the fire. They practiced divination and sorcery and sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of the LORD, provoking him to anger. So the LORD was very angry with Israel and removed

them from his presence. Only the tribe of Judah was left, and even Judah did not keep the commands of the LORD their God. They followed the practices Israel had introduced. Therefore the LORD rejected all the people of Israel; he afflicted them and gave them into the hands of plunderers, until he thrust them from his presence. When he tore Israel away from the house of David, they made Jeroboam son of Nebat their king. Jeroboam enticed Israel away from following the LORD and caused them to commit a great sin. The Israelites persisted in all the sins of Jeroboam and did not turn away from them until the LORD removed them from his presence, as he had warned through all his servants the prophets. So the people of Israel were taken from their homeland into exile in Assyria, and they are still there.

When I read my bible, and I came to this passage, and in a few verses, in verse 18, "the Lord removed them from His Presence", in verse 20, the Lord "rejected" them from His Presence, verse 23, until the Lord removed them from His Presence. In a very short time, in a very short passage, such terrible judgments happened. That is the final desolation. When you have lost everything, and then finally will lose the Presence of God.

Moses as a spiritual leader, he was not interested in success, he was not interested in the help of angels, the Lord told him, "I will make you succeed, I will help you to accomplish your goal, I will not judge your people" but Moses refused, Moses wanted something else, he wanted the Presence of God. The problem is that Moses knew the difference between succeeding and having God. For many of the leaders in our work, succeeding equals having God. Moses knew that there was the possibility to have success and blessings and not having the Presence of God, and he wanted God's Presence. For him, the only thing that distinguishes the people of God from the other peoples is the Presence of God. Israel is not the most famous nation in the world, the Arabs invented mathematics, invented medicine, the Egyptians invented history, the Arabian Peninsula was the cradle of civilization, they were the great cities of the Hindus valleys, the big big cities of North India, the vast civilizations of great emperors like Achuka. There are big religions of the world, Israel was not a big nation, neither in knowledge, nor in empires building, they were not a big nation, they were not even famous for being the custodian of monotheistic religion, the Persian also believe in monotheism, one of the pharaoh in Egypt believed in monotheism, Akaneton, Israel was not the only community that believed in one God, the treasure of Israel was the Presence of God. It was the Ark of the Covenant, that is what Moses knew and that is what every spiritual leader ought to know. We may run our programs, control people, own people.

As a ministry, we must become people who are desirous of God's Presence and we must cultivate God's presence. That is what I want us to pray about.

First of all, I want us to:

- Pray that at a personal level, each one of us will know God's Presence,
- Pray that we can know the Presence of God in our heart,
- Pray that we will know the Presence of God in our meetings, instead of assuming it.

Why is it so easy for people to be controlled by others? Because they don't sense God's Presence. They have ideas, they have thoughts, they have logic, they have opinions, but they do not know for sure that: "God told me this"

Sometimes I used to ask: when did you last feel God's presence? Forget church, forget your thoughts? When did you last consciously feel God's presence? When did you last know that now like this I am in communion with God and God is here, God is on me? Do you know what it feels like? Do you know what God's Presence feels like? When were you last in a meeting where you felt the Presence of God? Moses was desperate to keep the Presence of God. That was the one thing he did not want Israel to lose.

Who would like to join me to pray that our leaders will become afraid that we don't lose the Presence of God and that we will labor to do everything to keep God's Presence by holiness, by humility, first in our lives and in our meetings, in our churches and in our Work.

- Pray that God will bless us with leaders who will do anything to have God Presence in our lives, in our meetings, in our churches.

There was a lot of wealth and glory in leading of Solomon kingdom, but there was not God's Presence, because of a life of ungodliness. Solomon had so much glory from God's blessings, it was from God, without God.

Around June I read a book, a biography of David Wilkerson, the son Gary Wilkerson who wrote the book. He said his father went to a crisis, a crisis where he had to choose between the manifestation of spiritual gifts and the Presence of God. He narrates that the father had gotten very angry with their mother, and then he went to church and when he started preaching, he had a word of knowledge about a brother and he gave the word of knowledge and he called out a healing, then suddenly God stopped him and asked him "Where did it come from?" where is it coming from? Listen brethren he did not lied, the word of knowledge was correct, the healing he called out was correct and the person was healed, but God asked him, in his heart "Wilkerson, where is this from? How can a man who just got angry with his wife and has not repented produces all this? When God asked him that question, he went back home and wept for strange fire. The manifestation of spiritual gifts without communion with God. It was a turning point for him. He told the Lord: "I don't want to ever preach again, I don't want to heal anybody if this is what it is, I don't want to do it and I don't even want to be a pastor anymore". God asked him: what do you want? And he told God "I want You, I want Your Presence". God told him: "Do you want My Presence and nothing else? And Wilkerson said "Yes" Then the Lord told him, I will withdraw the other gifts, I will withdraw the gift of healing, all the other gifts and he said "Yes Lord" and after that time, he temporarily stopped manifesting those gifts and God also kept His Word. From that day, the son testifies that whether it was in the street or in Africa, whether in a crowd of 500 000 persons, from that day, they say when David Wilkerson preaches, sometime after 25 minutes, he just stops, he stops and wait for God and the son says, God never failed, not once, a few seconds after he stops, God will come, the Presence will come down in a hall, even in a presence of 500.000 you could hear a needle and that God never failed. God will come. Some gang members, some of them were disturbing in his meeting, and they were

even breaking bottles and moving towards him in a big crowd, in a bad quarter, they were not religious people, they were mid-way through when the Presence came, this unbelieving boys stood, they were confronting Somebody, I am not talking about a vision that they saw, it was the Presence of God, it was in that encounter that Nicky Cruz believed. Some of us have felt the Presence of God in very intense moments, sometimes when Brother Zach was ministering. When you minister, does God come? When you are alone does God come? David Wilkerson chose the Presence of God. It was a conscious choice for him. There is the gift of the Presence of God. Some people carry the Presence of God. We must have people who carry the Presence of God, who walk in holiness, who are prayerful, people who are clean, people with a clear conscience, we must have such people, they can be leaders, they can be simple women who leave in God's Presence, but almost everybody who fears God, almost all such people carry the Presence of God. They carry the Presence of God.

That is the biggest challenge ahead of any of us.

If you are a secretary and you are always making mistakes, everybody can make mistakes but there is something that happen to a secretary who carries God. You can be a technician and you can make many mistakes, but there is something about a technician who carries God. There is something that even other people who watch notice that: "This is not normal". Joseph' master saw it in Joseph, King Saul saw it in David. Achimelech saw it in Abraham, that shulamite woman saw it in Elijah who was just passing, and the disciples saw it in the Lord Jesus, on the mount of transfiguration, they saw God' Presence and God's glory in Him. They saw He was full. Those who were stoning Stephen saw it. It is something that can be seen. It can be seen even by your enemies. Somebody does not need to lie you, flatter you to say "I see God's Presence in you".

- Come, let's pray that the Lord will use this fast to pour down His Presence in our ministry, in our meetings, on the members
- Pray that the Lord will condescend to accept this fast to pour out His Presence in our ministry once again, on the leaders, on the brethren, on the church, in the mission fields
- Pray that God will pour out His Presence on all of our ministry, at every level, in an overwhelming way.