

# 2019 PRAYER AND FASTING CRUSADE

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### DAY 35

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Halleluiah!

- *Ten, ten and ten, come and thank the Lord, from your heart.*

## GOD'S PRESENCE

Ex 33:1-3

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' 2 I will send an angel before you and drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 3 Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey. But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way."

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Just look at what God told Moses:

- I will fulfil my promise
- I will bless you
- I will deliver you
- I will give you success
- But I will not go with you.

I will give you everything I promised, I will accomplish everything I promised, but I will not go with you.

What exactly are we looking for? Results? God promised it. Victory? God promised it. Success? Guaranteed.

Ex 33:12-17

12 Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' 13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

14 The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

15 Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

17 And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

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When you read verse 16, you understand what Moses understood as the value of God's presence to him. For Moses, success, victory was not the distinction of the people of God, Moses asked the Lord: how will anyone know that we have your approval? So God's presence is the manifestation of God's pleasure. What else will distinguish us from all the other nations? God's presence is the possession of God's people, the exclusive possession of God's people, it is that which only Go'('s people can possess and that which the others cannot possess. And Moses was ready to turn down success, turn down victory, turn down angels, turn down every other thing to cry out for God's presence.

I want three people first pray, because the average believer cannot distinguish God's blessings from God's presence, what we really want is not really God's presence. Many want God's blessing, because the love of the world has so spoiled us that we want what God does, not God. What Moses was dying for is not what many of us care for.

- *Pray that God will tear the veil of the love of the world, so that we will not just be people who want success, victory, greatness, but that we will be a people who want God.*

Our desires are so earth-centred.

When I read the biography of David Wilkerson, what I left with was a testimony he shared. He said, one day he was ministering and he gave a word of knowledge and things were happening, God was blessing healing, suddenly, the Holy Spirit asked him: all these words of knowledge that you have given, they came from where, they have worked but they came for where? Are you in communion with me? The spiritual power you have manifested, it came from where? Are you in communion with Me? So the Lord asked me: what do you want David: miracles, things happening or my presence? And he said: that day, he chose God's presence, and the Lord told Him if you choose my presence, I am going to take away these gifts you are manifesting, and he said: yes Lord. His son, who wrote the biography said that after that transaction, every time David preached, teach and teach but that those who know him will know that after sometimes, he will stop and bow his head and that many people never knew what he was doing, but that he was remembering his commitment and every time he bowed his head, he will say: Lord, I take Wilkerson out of the world and that for forty years, God never failed to come upon the audience, not one time, so the ministry of David Wilkerson became characterised by the presence of God. He will stop and asked God to take over. He will bow his head and take David Wilkerson out of the way. And that, none one time, did God failed in the appointment. And that sometimes, even in a cloud of hundreds of thousands, the presence of God will come down so mightily that even people sitting near each other's, no one could move, you could hear a leave falling, that is why he exchanged miracles, signs, wonders for. Long after that transactions, signs still follow his ministry, but he had chosen the presence of God rather than miracles, signs. When God asked him: are they coming from communion with God? What would you have chosen?

The results we are producing, where do they come from? Is God simply respecting and backing the Name of Jesus or do they flow from any communion with God?

- *Pray that God will operate a miracle so that we will be a Christian community that desire the presence of God.*

People watch pornography and perform miracles, people keep bitterness and heal.

God gave the Levites His Presence and his service as inheritance. But many times, the Levites backslid, they want to have lands like others, they wanted to have an inheritance like others, they wanted to have the blessings of the others. Even in our ministry, those in the ministry of prayer, are they proud that, their possession is the Presence of God? Many of them pity themselves, they are not in the lime line where big results can be announced with their times so that the others applaud for them. That is why many people in the ministry of prayer are so joyless. When I see somebody saying that he has been called to pray or to fast, I look at him: does he prize the presence of God? Is he somebody who is satisfied? In 1 Timothy 2: 9 - 10 , the Bible says that the holy women who give themselves to prayer should not be characterised by external beauty, let the women of God's presence not be given to adornments, to the external. The Levites were given the presence of God and the service for God as their inheritance, but many items they backslid, people like Nehemiah had to go and gather the Levites and bring them back to the temple, because they wanted to have lands, cattle like others. Many don't find joy in the calling to the sanctuary. All the names are for those who have: Garoua, Cote d'Ivoire, Benin, Mali, I find very few people in the ministry of prayer who cherish the presence of God like a great wealth.

Do those who want to pray, who want to serve at the HQ, who will not bring testimonies like others, can they be faithful and joyful? It depends whether the Presence of God is glorious, or it means anything. Or the others who are given a lot of money, those who have been given a lot of soul to present to God, whether the Who is who.

The Bible says that God has arranged the body so that some of the critical parts become the models parts, so that we hide them. You women who of you will not want to have a vagina. Who see it? Can a hand gives birth to a child? When God hides, do He says it is not important. All the vital organs, are they inside or outside? You want to be seen, you are the hairs of the body, dead cells, you see women manicuring their nails: dead cells. It is as if women like only dead cells. Some of us don't even have the dead cells in abundance. Some of the most vital parts are our modest parts, nobody shows them, nobody publicise them. Are they less glorious? Are they? You want everybody to see your private parts the way they see your nose? We all see your nose, who likes it?

Many of our missionaries want to make money, the service of the Lord and the Presence of the Lord is not something they are proud of. They want to be able to say: I am a director, I am a banker, I am this. Is the Presence and the glory of the Lord a treasure? Why are those who are working in HQ, why are those in the prayer ministry, why do they feel so much as failure? The love of the world. They want to have what

catches the eyes and attention of others. There are very few people who have settled in HQ and who are very proud of their call. There are very few people who have embraced the missionary call and are very proud, even before the results come. Is the presence of God a glory? Is the service of God a glory?

- *Everybody stand up, let's pray like Moses, Pray that the Lord will reveal to you the treasure of His Presence.*
- *Pray for all our community, that God will reveal to us the Glory of his Presence.*
- *Let's pray that the Lord will enable us to encounter His presence*
- *Pray that the Lord will cause waves and waves of His Presence to come upon us during the convention*
- *Cry out to God that waves, waves and waves of God and his might will come down upon us during the convention*
- *Let's pray that all those coming in the convention will find God's presence and meet God's presence in an unforgettable way.*
- *Pray that the convention will be waves and waves of God's Presence and God's visitation.*
- *Let's pray that the lord will manifest his presence increasingly, from the first day*
- *Par that He will manifested his presence, that the next day, He will manifest his presence more, in an increasing way.*

During the ordination of Brother Dan Tchoumbo, it was in Etoug-Ebe in CPH, sister Henriette was standing by me, at one time, the presence of God came down so heavily that she told me that it is as if she was pressed, the presence of God came down, and we knew such visitations. My pain is that many of the younger brethren have never felt the presence of God. Sometimes, the presence of God was so much that demons were screaming and leaving, because they could not stand the presence of God. Now our meetings are the voice of man, the cajoling of man, the gesticulations of man, the persuasions of man, and all of that. And a new generation may grow that have never felt the Presence of God, that has never known when God comes down. Let us grow tired of our own voice, tired of our own knowledge, tired of our own abilities to minister, tired to the nervous, carnal exercises.

Let us have three more people.

- *Pray that the convention will be an encounter with the Presence of God so that our community will not end up being a religious organisation where our people have never felt God, and we just go on like that, business as usual. Let three people pray.*