

Enjoy the Presence of God!

Have you ever experienced God's presence? Have you ever felt His embrace? Have you ever felt His closeness to you? Have you ever heard His still small voice? Have you ever seen His hands extended towards you? If you have, you're quite blessed! If you haven't, why not drop everything right now and ask Him to grant you an experience of closeness to Him. He is right there, in your heart, tugging you to be quiet in Him, to hear His voice and listen to what He desires to tell you, nudging you to open your eyes that He is right with you.

God loves you. He is not a respecter of persons. *"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:* (Acts 10:34). Anyone who calls on His name, He answers, He saves, He delivers, He heals, He protects, He provides, because He loves. *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* (John 3:16)

We should never question God's love. We should never allow the spirit of doubt to get into our heart to make us believe that just because our prayers are not being granted according to our whims, then God does not love us. That is a lie from the devil. God's love never fails. He is always around whether we believe it or not.

Keep our hearts burning. Keep them on fire for Him. Never lose sight of His presence even though we don't see nor hear Him. By faith we see; by faith we hear; and by faith we speak and proclaim His blessings upon us. Continue reading His Word. It's by His

scriptures that sometimes He speaks to us for the direction we've been asking Him. Keep waiting. Never get impatient. Don't act until you hear from Him. The Holy Spirit, by His omnipotence, will guide us and lead us to the path He wants us to undertake.

Once we become followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, He empowers us with His anointing. *"But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know."* (1 Jn. 2:20) This anointing keeps us going and moving in the Holy Ghost. *"And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him."* (1 John 2:27). Yes, indeed! We abide in Him because of the anointing. Don't let it die by allowing the devil to steal it from you. That's the only weapon we can use to tell him that he is a liar and we are the victor because we abide in God alone.

The anointing is God's presence in our life. There is a song which runs like this:

"By the anointing, Jesus breaks the yoke.

By the Holy Ghost and power
just as the prophet spoke,

This is the day of the latter rain,
God is moving in power again.

And the anointing will break the yoke."

O, friends, let's ask the Lord for the anointing to keep us burning. For the anointing to burn up the chaff in our lives. For the anointing to empower us to destroy the works of the devil in ourselves, in our loved ones, in our friends, and in the whole of mankind.

Let us serve the Lord with the anointing He has given us. Let us not shirk from this responsibility. Let us take the banner of victory and raise it high in the sky and declare that Jesus is Lord and we are His warriors. With His mighty angels we have the victory because God is on our side. Remember, the battle is the Lord's. We are His messengers. We are His hands and feet. But the glory belongs to Him because He is the Head.

Tips on Gardening:i

"Win the War on Weeds"

([1001 Gardening Secrets](#), pp.122-123,125)

- Wash weeds with soap. Mix 5 Tbs. of soap with 1 qt. of water, then spray weed leaves liberally on a hot day.
- Give weeds a sip of soda. Try pouring out straight Coca Cola on the weeds in your sidewalks. This sticky soda can knock 'em dead.
- Target weeds with killer technique. Spray individual weeds without catching your favorite plants in the crossfire. Cut off the bottom of a plastic 2-liter soda bottle. Set the bottle over the trouble-making weed, stick the sprayer nozzle in the mouth of the soda bottle, and spray away. Let the chemicals soak in for a few seconds before lifting the bottle.
- Mow weeds more often. More regularly, especially during peak growing times. You'll have a tidier lawn and catch flowering weeds before they set seed. But don't scalp your grass. Mow high, instead. Longer grass blades shade the ground and stop weeds from sprouting.