In His Presence (Acts 3:19)

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INTRODUCTION

- I love the song. It's pretty. But not just because it's pretty, but because of the sentiment of the song.
- This is a tiny little psalm that declares the blessing of God's powerful presence among his people.

1 The Power of His Presence

Psalm 114; 1 Corinthians 10

- The point of the Psalm is that God's presence among his people made all the difference. And it always does.
- The real tragedy and irony of it all is that this did not produce faithfulness in the people.
- Despite God's presence in a special way, despite the great things that they were able to observe, visible manifestations of God's power and presence, there were still moments of difficulty and distress.

2 Finding Comfort in His Presence

Psalm 73:25–28; Galatians 6:7–8; Matthew 28:20

- Whom have I in heaven but thee? And besides thee, I desire nothing on earth.
- But as for me, the nearness of God is my good, I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all thy works.
- God is not mocked. Whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap.
- And lo, I am with you always. Even until the end of the age.
- Because of what I know, I am comforted. It's because of the certainties and the promises to which I cling.

3 All Men Enjoy Blessings From the Presence of God

Psalm 121

- There is a degree in which all men enjoy blessings from the presence of God.
- Whether you realize it or not, you breathe because he allows it, because he provides what you need to live.
- Enjoy the mountains. But realize who made the mountains and that we need his help.
- So many folks are lulled to sleep, not realizing that these joys are not permanent.

4 A Place Totally Absent of His Presence

2 Thessalonians 1:8–9

- There is a time to where those who do not acknowledge God and submit to His will indeed find themselves in a place that will be totally absent of his presence.

- These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction. Away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power.
- People in many respects will get exactly what they wanted. They didn't want God. And you won't have God forever.
- It is not utter banishment forever from the presence of God and all that is good.

5 Truth and Honesty in His Presence

Acts 3:19

- When people found themselves in the presence of God, it was a time for truth and honesty in regard to the condition of their lives.
- Repent and be converted, that your sins may be washed away, and that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.
- Have you come to know the times of refreshing that come from the presence of the Lord when you realize that you are prepared for his eternal presence?

THE CHALLENGE

Are you basking in his presence? Have you given him dominion? Are you his sanctuary? Have you come to him in order that times of refreshing may come from his presence? The nearness of God is your good.

MY NOTES