

## The Lord's Presence

*Psalm 27:4-9*

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### I. Seek after the Lord's beauty. *Psalm 27:4*

As David said, "*That I may dwell in the house of the LORD*", it is equivalent to a New Covenant believer, \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

- Gold represents divinity. Bronze represents suffering or judgment; it symbolizes divine judgment. When Jesus became sin for us on the cross, He suffered our \_\_\_\_\_ for sin.
- 1. Every piece of furniture and every piece of building material used in the Tabernacle is a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.
- 2. The Tabernacle was designed by the artisans and was to be an exact rendering of what the Lord ordered in *Exodus* because it represented the Tabernacle in \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. Blessings that come with the Lord's presence. *Psalm 27:5-6*

It is not that the Lord keeps us from storms, but He promises to be there during the storms of life. During trials, the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ us in His pavilion, in the secret place of His Tabernacle.

- David went from being dejected with his head low because he was feeling attacked, to being able to hold his head high, knowing he was \_\_\_\_\_ and cared for by the Lord Almighty.

Once controlled by the Holy Spirit of God, worship and joy are an \_\_\_\_\_, naturally flowing out of the Christ follower. *Romans 15:13*

### III. A prayer for mercy. *Psalm 27:7-9*

"*David showed us that even he, the one who sought God with such \_\_\_\_\_, sometimes felt that God did not hear him immediately.*" (Guzik)

- *John 4:23, the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is \_\_\_\_\_ such to worship Him. NKJV*

### IV. Practical Application.

God's manifest presence is \_\_\_\_\_ from God's omnipresence, God is everywhere at all times, even if people don't realize it.

- We have to \_\_\_\_\_ the world, our flesh, and every other thing that tries to exalt itself above the Lord in our life, to experience true fellowship with the Lord in prayer and worship.

I believe personal fellowship is different for each follower of Christ, but the more time we spend getting to know Him and His Word, the more we will have an awareness of His \_\_\_\_\_.

### Small Group Discussion

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

1. Read *Psalm 27:4*. When David said, "*one thing*", what do you think he was communicating?  
*Psalm 37:4, Philippians 3:10, Ephesians 1:11*
2. Read *1 Samuel 16:13*. How was David's experience with the Holy Spirit different than other people's experience with the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament? What promise of the Holy Spirit do believers receive in the New Testament?  
*1 Samuel 16:14-23, John 14:16, Matthew 28:20, Acts 1:4-8, Hebrews 13:5*
3. Read *Exodus 36:1* and discuss these different parts of the Tabernacle and how they relate to Christ. The entrance, the bronze clasps of the curtains, the Golden Lampstand, the Table of the Bread of the Presence (Show Bread), the Altar of incense, and the Ark of the Covenant (Mercy Seat).  
*John 14:6, John 10:7, Isaiah 59:2, John 8:12, John 6:48, Revelation 8:4, Exodus 25:22*
4. Read *Psalm 27:5-6*. What are some of the blessings we receive when we spend time in God's presence?  
*Romans 15:13, Hebrews 11:6, John 10:27-28, Ephesians 5:18, John 7:38, Galatians 5:22-23, Acts 16:25-28*
5. Read *Psalm 27:7-9*. Does the Lord cast us away in moments of doubt?  
*Hebrews 13:5, Mark 9:23-24, Psalm 103:13-14, Jeremiah 29:13, John 4:23*
6. Read *James 4:7-8*. Discuss the Practical Application of the sermon. (Having an awareness of His thereness)  
*Psalm 27:4, Psalm 84:10, Isaiah 41:10, Exodus 33:13-14, Deuteronomy 31:6*