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► The Presence Of God Transforms Us:

► We Never Come Out Of An Encounter With God Being The Same As We Were
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- **Isaiah** -- Wasn't The Same

- **Moses** -- Was Changed

- **Job** – Change And Transformation

- **Job 42:5 (NIV)** "My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you."
Peter And John – Astonishing Changes

Acts 4:13 (NIV) "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."
God Wants Us To Come Into His Presence So That We Might Be Changed

2 Cor 3:17 (NIV) "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." (18) "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."
God Doesn’t Want Us To Be Conformed
He Wants Us To Be Transformed

(Rom 12:2 NIV) Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.
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The Test For Conformity Or Transformity:

1 John 3:6 (NIV) "No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him."
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- When We Encounter God's Presence, We Hear From God.

- You'll Hear From God When And Where You Seek Him.
1 Chr 28:9 (NIV) "And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever."
Psa 145:18 (NIV) "The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."
In God’s Presence We Hear From Him And Have Communion With Him

James 4:8 (NIV) "Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded."
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► God Doesn't Force His Presence On Us. We Must Seek It Out

► Rev 3:20 (NIV) "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."
In God's Presence We Are Refreshed

(Psalm 42:1) As The Deer Pants For The Water So My Soul Longs For Thee
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Thirst Is Quenched
Desire Is Fed
In God's Presence

John 4:14 (NIV) "... whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
The Problem Areas Of Our Lives Are Dealt With In The Presence Of The Lord
In The Lord's Presence There Is Rest

Exo 33:14 (NIV) "The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Mat 11:28 (NIV) ""Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
In The Lord's Presence Strength Is Renewed

ISA 40:28 (NIV) "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom." (29) "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." (30) "Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;" (31) "but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."
In The Lord's Presence There Is Safety & Security

(Psa 34:8 NIV) "Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him."
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- In The Presence Of God We Are Filled With Joy

- David --In The Desert
  - Had An Encounter With God
  - It Left Him Satisfied And Singing
(Psa 63:1-5 NIV) A psalm of David. When he was in the Desert of Judah. O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. (2) I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. (3) Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. (4) I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. (5) My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
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- Fullness Of Joy Is In The Presence Of The Lord
- Nothing Else In Creation Offers Fullness Of Joy
- Psa 16:11 (NIV) "You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."
- John 15:11 (NIV) "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."
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- Fullness Of Joy Is The Lord’s Desire For You

- John 17:13 (NIV) "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them."
The Wisdom Of Moses --
Regarding The Presence of God

Exo 33:12 (NIV) "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."
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God’s Presence -- The Only Place To Find:

- Transformation
- Direction
- Refreshing
- Fullness Of Joy

READ: Exodus 34:29-35
The Presence Of God Inpacts Our Lives:

i.e. Moses:

- He Was Changed
- He Was Radiant
- He Heard From God
- He Received From God

We Can Expect The Same From The Presence Of God