

The Presence of God

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There's Nothing Better!



Pray

Spend some time getting into God's presence before you study by praying through his Word.

- Read Psalm 51, confess sin, and ask for forgiveness as God leads.
- Read Psalm 145, pray back to God praises based on what you read.



To Begin

- Talk about a specific time in your life where you felt like God's presence had departed from your life
- OR-
- Talk about a specific time in your life where you strongly felt God's presence.

Further Study
Through Christ
we enter God's
holy presence:
Heb. 3:14-16
Romans 5:1-2
Heb 6:19-20
Heb. 9:11-12
Heb 10:19-25



Scripture

Background to the Text

Two Names:

- Ichabod "The glory has departed"
 - The ark with God's presence was taken from Israel by the Philistines.
- Ebenezer "The Lord has helped us"
 - Samuel praised God for giving the Israelites victory over the Philistines.

Main Passage: Read 1 Samuel chapters 4-7

- Write out the important people and groups and their characteristics:

- Write down the key verses of this passage and why they are important:

God's presence: Other Scriptures to Think About

Jot down your thoughts on each passage

- Isaiah 66:1

- Psalm 139:7-10

- Isaiah 57:15

- Psalm 16:11

- Psalm 90:8

- Isaiah 64:2-3

- Psalm 24:1-6

- Jeremiah 23:23-24

From the verses you just looked up, make a summary statement about God's presence:



Memorize

- Learn Psalm 16:11 and meditate on it this week



Application

APPLY!!
Pick a couple items in this section and seek to have change in your life this week!

1. What is your favorite verse from this study and why?
2. List specific things you can do to cultivate more of God's presence in your life.
3. What are the elements of repentance in 1 Samuel 7:3-6? Look over your list, do you need to apply any of these elements? If so, how will you do this?
4. Are there any areas of your life where you are acting spiritual, but you know you have hardened your heart or have false motives?
5. What does a willing heart to follow and serve God look like in your life this week?