

QUESTIONS:

A. WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPLES TO OBTAIN THE MANIFEST PRESENCE?

B. GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. Explain the error in the following statement, "I am materially rich, therefore I must have the MANIFEST PRESENCE of God in my life."
2. How would Israel know that God was in their midst? Joel 2:24-27
3. How do you know that someone fears God?
4. What is the purpose of signs & wonders?
5. If someone tells you "we had a mighty presence of God in our service today", how would you evaluate what he / she said?
6. Is it necessary for a person to be changed after involuntary prostration to authenticate that the prostration was due to the presence of God? Explain.
7. What are the reasons for prostration?
8. Can people get hurt when they fall under the power of God?
9. Does numerical growth in a local Church always mean that God's Manifest Presence is there?
10. Discuss the benefits of the Manifest Presence.
11. Discuss the kinds of prayers that invite the Manifest Presence.
12. Discuss the kinds of praises that invite the Manifest Presence.
13. Is there a Biblical basis for expressive worship?
14. Why are some people silent / inexpressive and unresponsive during worship?
15. What characteristics indicate that God's name is in a local Church?
16. What robs an individual of the Manifest Presence?
17. Name some of the people of integrity in the Bible with characteristics of their integrity.
18. Name the spiritual sacrifices.
19. What is repentance?
20. Using Gideon's warfare strategy as an example - how does brokenness (repentance) manifest God's presence?
21. "Sacrifices release power". Explain.
22. What is prayer without ceasing? Give examples.
23. What is fervent prayer? Give examples.
24. "With every manifestation there is an accompanying voice of God". Give examples.
25. Give examples of the direct commandments of scripture.
26. Describe the attitudes in obedience.
27. What is the purpose of the fivefold gifts?
28. What are the characteristics of integrity?
29. Give examples of pictures of liberty in God's presence.
30. How does edification in believers take place in the Manifest Presence?
31. Explain the error of the following statement: "The book of Acts cannot be used for doctrine".
32. Explain the revelatory / enlightenment features of the Manifest Presence?

33. The Ark Of The Covenant is a picture of the Manifest Presence of God. Show the benefits conferred by the Ark Of The Covenant and it's similarities with the benefits of the Manifest Presence.
34. What is "ICHABOD"? What factors were responsible for "ICHABOD"?
35. How is ICHABOD birthed in a Church?
36. What are the three categories of the presence of God?
37. How do you recognize an "evil presence"?
38. What are the characteristics of a fast decreed by God? (Is. 58)
39. What are the benefits of such a fast? (Is.58)
40. Azariah explained to Asa that God must be sought in order to be found (2chro.15: 2) Explain how one seeks God.

C. DISCUSS THE BENEFITS OF HIS MANIFEST PRESENCE

ANSWERS:

A. PRINCIPLES TO OBTAIN THE MANIFEST PRESENCE.

MNEMONIC: 'PAROUSIA' - (Greek for presence)

Listed below are some scriptural ways to obtain the Manifest Presence of God:

PRAYER
ACCLAMATION
REPENTANCE
OBEDIENCE
UNITY
SACRIFICE
INTEGRITY
ASSEMBLY IN HIS NAME

The principles above allow one to draw near to God in order to experience His presence (James 4:8).

PAROUSIA : Definition: Refers to Christ's coming. In the Greek it means the arrival of an important visitor. (The Revell Bible Dictionary)

AMPLIFICATION:

PRAYER

Prayer manifests God's presence.

EXAMPLES:

1. **SOLOMON'S PRAYER**

Solomon's prayer resulted in the Manifest Presence of God.

2 Chr 7:1-2

1 When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. 2 And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD'S house. (NKJ)

2. CORPORATE PRAYER OF BELIEVERS

2.1 Corporate prayer of the believers prior to Pentecost was followed by the manifestation of God's presence.

Acts 1:14

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. (NKJ)

Acts 2:1-4

1 Now when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rumbling mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (NKJ)

2.2 Corporate prayer of the early Church resulted in the shaking of the place where they were gathered because of the manifestation of God's presence.

Acts 4:29-31

29 "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, 30 by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. (NKJ)

2.3 Corporate prayer of the Church resulted in Peter's release from prison. Angelic visitation is a manifestation of God's power and presence (Acts 12:5,7).

3. PRAYER OF PAUL AND SILAS

Paul and Silas no doubt had a tiring day of ministry. They were beaten and placed in stocks. Despite their great discomfort, pain and the lateness of the hour - they prayed. The result - God's presence manifested.

Acts 16:25-26

25. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26. Suddenly there was a

great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. (NKJ)

KINDS OF PRAYERS THAT INVITE THE MANIFEST PRESENCE OF GOD:

1. FERVENT, DESPERATE, EARNEST PRAYERS: -

James 5:16

16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. (NKJ)

Ps 145:18

18 The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. (NKJ)

Luke 22:42-44

42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." 43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. 44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. (NKJ)

FASTING DEMONSTRATES FERVENCY, EARNESTNESS AND DESPERATION.

Daniel's fervent prayers accompanied by fasting (Dan 10:2-30) was followed by an angelic visitation.

2. PRAYER FOR OTHERS

Solomon prayed for others See 2Chr 6:14-42; 2Chr 7:1-2.

Daniel prayed for Israel. See Dan 9.

3. UNITED PRAYER

Acts 1:14

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. (NKJ)

Acts 4:24

So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them." (NKJ)

4. UNCEASING PRAYER

Acts 12:5

Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the Church. (NKJ)

ACCLAMATION

The Psalmist praised God 7 times a day.

Ps 119:164

Seven times a day I praise You, because of Your righteous judgments. (NKJ)

Praise pleases God.

Ps 135:3

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant. (NKJ)

In praising God we are fulfilling one of our purposes.

1 Pet 2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. (NKJ)

Through praises we recognise His Kingship.

Rev 15:3

They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!" (NKJ)

Through Praise we advertise His goodness.

Ps 145:12

To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.(NKJ)

Jesus did not stop the people from praising Him when He rode into Jerusalem (Luke 19:37-38, Matt 21:9).

God inhabits the praises of His people.

Ps 22:3

But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel. (NKJ)

Praise is the attitude by which we enter His presence.

Ps 100:4

4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. (NKJ)

1. God's presence manifested when He was praised with one accord in Solomon's temple.

2 Chr 5:13-14

13. indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, for His mercy endures forever," that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, 14. so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God. (NKJ)

2. God's presence manifested in prison to deliver Paul and Silas when they praised Him.

Acts 16:25-26

25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. (NKJ)

PRAISE THAT MANIFEST GOD'S PRESENCE:

1. Praise with one accord (Acts 4:24).
2. Loud praises (Ps 98:4; Luke 19:37; Ps 150:5).
3. Praise from the heart (Ps 57:7; Ps 86:12; Ps 119:7).
4. Frequent praises (Ps 71:6,14; Ps 119:164).
5. Praise in times of trials (acts 16:25; Job 1:21; Ps 42:11).
6. Praise with new songs (Ps 149:1).
7. Praise with instruments (2Kin 3:15-16; Ps 150:3-5).

REPENTANCE

Definition: The renunciation of sin and acceptance of a Holy lifestyle through the power of the Spirit.

It is an inward change followed by an outward action. Genuine repentance involves four processes: -

An Inward Change

Conviction
Conversion

An Outward Action

Confession
Commitment

The outward action is proof of the inward changes e.g. the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-24).

1. **CONVICTION**

Luke 15:17

But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!' (NKJ)

Conviction is sudden deep understanding of one's sorry state.

2. CONVERSION

Luke 15:18

'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you." '(NKJ)

This is resolution to change.

3. CONFESION

Luke 15:18

'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you." '(NKJ)

Luke 15:19

"and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."(NKJ)

This is declaring that you have sinned.

Ps 51:3

For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. (NKJ)

4. COMMITMENT

Luke 15:20

"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. (NKJ)

This is resolution in action.

- Note the father's response.

Luke 15:20b

20 "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him." (NKJ)

The father ran to his son.

This is a picture of God running to the repentant sinner to manifest His presence. God's presence manifests when true repentance occurs.

The following scriptures emphasize repentance for one to experience the presence of God: -

Heb 10:22

let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. (NKJ)

Ps 34:18

The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.(NKJ)

James 4:8

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (NKJ)

A. God preconditions repentance for prosperity.

Joel 2:12-13

12 "Now, therefore," says the LORD, "Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning. 13 So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm." (NKJ)

B. Prosperity following repentance was proof that God was present in the midst of Israel.

Joel 2:24-27

24 The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. 25 "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust, my great army which I sent among you. 26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be put to shame. 27 Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God and there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame. (NKJ)

OBEDIENCE

Jesus promised to manifest Himself to those who obey Him.

John 14:21

"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." (NKJ)

1. The disciples obeyed Jesus.

Luke 22:28

"But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials." (NKJ)

Jesus manifested Himself to His disciples.

John 20:19-20

19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 Now when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. (NKJ)

John 21:13-14

13 Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. 14 This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead. (NKJ)

2. Jesus manifested Himself to John on the Island of Patmos.

Rev 1:17-18

17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death." (NKJ)

3. In Exodus 40:1-15, God gave Moses Specific instructions regarding the arrangement and assembly of the tabernacle. Exodus 40:16-33 shows how Moses obeyed God perfectly.

The consequences of Moses' obedience was the manifestation of the presence of God.

Exod 40:34-35

34 Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 35 And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. (NKJ)

4. ABRAHAM.

God manifested His presence to Abraham whilst Abraham obeyed God. (See gen. 12:7; 13:14; 15:7; 17:1; 18:1)

However Abraham experienced no manifestation or visitation from God when in a time of famine he went to Egypt in disobedience to His original call. (See Gen.12: 10)

5. The fourth man in the fire.

Dan 3:24-25

24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." 25 "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the

midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." (NKJ)

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego obeyed God in standing against Idolatry. They experienced the protecting presence of God in the fire.

6. **Matt 28:20**

20. "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (NKJ)

ATTITUDES IN OBEDIENCE

Obedience to God is not based on law but flows from love. One needs to have the following attitudes in obedience:

- Unchanging attitude (Phil 2:12; 2Tim.4:2).
- Earnest attitude (Ps 119:34,69).
- Non - compromising attitude (Acts 5:29).
- Enjoyable attitude (Rom. 7:22).
- Obstinate attitude (Josh.1:7).
- Christ-like attitude (1Pet.2:21).
- Enthusiastic attitude (Is.1:19; 6:8).
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Obedience to the commandments of Jesus will manifest God's presence in one's life. Some of the commandments of Jesus are listed below:

- Water baptism (Matt.28: 19).
- Breaking of bread (Luke 22: 19).
- Love for the brethren (John13: 34).
- Witnessing (making disciples) (Matt. 28:19).

The disciples were obedient to the task of witnessing - the result is seen in the following scriptures:

Mark 16:20

And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen. (NKJ)

UNITY

2 Cor 13:11

Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. (NKJ)

Ps 133:1,3

1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the LORD commanded the blessing-- life forevermore. (NKJ)

The Lord commands the blessing for unity - the felt presence of God is a blessing.

At Pentecost 20 disciples in one accord (in unity) invited God's presence.

Acts 2:1-4

1 Now when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (NKJ)

Paul exhorted the Ephesian Church to be united in Spirit.

Eph 4:3

endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (NKJ)

It is in the context of unity of the Spirit that Paul speaks about the five-fold ministry.

Eph 4:8,11

8 Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." 11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, (NKJ)

The five-fold gifts are necessary for Christians to come to the unity of faith.

Eph 4:13

till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. (NKJ)

The five-fold gifts were given so that God could dwell in His Church.

Ps 68:18

You have ascended on high, you have led captivity captive; you have received gifts among men, even from the rebellious, that the LORD God might dwell there. (NKJ)

SACRIFICE

1 Pet 2:5

5. You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (NKJ)

These sacrifices make us the spiritual house of God - the dwelling-place of God. Sacrifices manifest God's Presence and power. Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross, manifested God's presence in signs and wonders.

Matt.27: 45,51-53

45 Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. 51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. (NKJ)

SOME OF THE SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES ARE: -

1. BROKENNESS

This is an attitude of repentance.

Ps 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart--these, O God, You will not despise. (NKJ)

Isa 66:2

For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist," says the LORD. "But on this one will I look: on him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word." (NKJ)

2. THANKSGIVING

Ps 107:22

Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing. (NKJ)

Ps 116:17

I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.(NKJ)

3. JOY

Ps 27:6

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD. (NKJ)

Phil 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! (NKJ)

1Thes 5:16

Rejoice always! (NKJ)

4. RAISED HANDS

Ps 141:2

Let my prayer be set before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. (NKJ)

5. INTERCESSION

Petition made on behalf of another. This is a sacrifice by definition.

Exod 32:32

"Yet now, if You will forgive their sin-- but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written." (NKJ)

Num 12:13

So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "Please heal her, O God, I pray!" (NKJ)

1 Tim 2:1

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men. (NKJ)

6. FAITH

Phil 2:17

Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. (NKJ)

7. RIGHTEOUSNESS

Ps 4:5

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD. (NKJ)

8. CONSECRATION

Rom 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. (NKJ)

9. EXALTATION

Heb 13:15

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. (NKJ)

Jer 33:11

11 'the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who will say: "Praise the LORD of hosts, for the LORD is good, for His mercy endures forever"-- and of those who will bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause the captives of the land to return as at the first,' says the LORD. (NKJ)

10. SHARING

Heb 13:16

But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. (NKJ)

Phil 4:18

Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. (NKJ)

INTEGRITY

Ps 140:13

Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name; the upright shall dwell in Your presence. (NKJ)

Ps 41:12

As for me, You uphold me in my integrity, and set me before Your face forever. (NKJ)

The underlined verses, measure one's integrity.

Ps 24:3-4

3 Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully. (NKJ)

Isa 33:15-16

15 He walks righteously and speaks uprightly, he who despises the gain of oppressions, who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil: 16 He will dwell on high; his place of defense will be the fortress of rocks; bread will be given him, his water will be sure. (NKJ)

Those who live accordingly will "ascend into the hill of the Lord" or "dwell on high". Most Christians damage their integrity through failing to tithe. They are not faithful in returning what belongs to God. (Also see Ps. 15: 1-5).

1. SAMUEL

Samuel's integrity was one of the main reasons for enjoying the presence of God in His life. Samuel grew in favour with God and man.

1 Sam 2:26

And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the LORD and men. (NKJ)

1 Sam 12:3-4

"Here I am. Witness against me before the LORD and before His anointed: Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I cheated? Whom have I oppressed, or from whose hand have I received any bribe with which to blind my eyes? I will restore it to you." 4 And they said, "You have not cheated us or oppressed us, nor have you taken anything from any man's hand." (NKJ)

2. MOSES

Moses' integrity also established him in God's presence.

Num 16:15

Then Moses was very angry, and said to the LORD, "Do not respect their offering. I have not taken one donkey from them, nor have I hurt one of them." (NKJ)

Num 12:7-8

7 "Not so with My servant Moses; he is faithful in all My house. 8 I speak with him face to face, even plainly, and not in dark sayings; and he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?" (NKJ)

He spoke face to face with God.

Exod 33:11, 13,14,17

11 So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle. 13 "Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people." 14 And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 17 So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name." (NKJ)

3. JOSEPH

Joseph was a man of integrity.

Gen 39:2,4

2 The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. 4 So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority. (NKJ)

He refused to have an affair with his master's wife (Gen. 39: 7-13). He lost his job but not the presence of God.

Gen 39:21

But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. (NKJ)

4. PAUL

2 Cor 7:2

Open your hearts to us. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have cheated no one. (NKJ)

2 Cor 4:2

But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commanding ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. (NKJ)

Failure to keep promises and appointments, borrowing and not returning, lying and cheating, do serious damage to one's integrity. When you lose your integrity you will lose the felt presence of God. Integrity insures one's children.

Prov 20:7

The righteous man walks in his integrity; his children are blessed after him. (NKJ)

5. JOB

In his trials and tribulations Job safeguarded his integrity. He valued God's presence.

Job 27:5

Far be it from me that I should say you are right; till I die I will not put away my integrity from me. (NKJ)

Job 31:6

Let me be weighed on honest scales, that God may know my integrity. (NKJ)

6. DAVID

When David lost his integrity before God his prayer was.....

Ps 51:11

Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. (NKJ)

David sinned against Bathsheba, Uriah and the nation of Israel but prayed in

Ps 51:4

4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight-- that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge. (NKJ)

When a Christian loses his integrity he sins against God.

ASSEMBLY IN HIS NAME

Corporate gathering in the name of Jesus Christ.

Matt 18:20

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." (NKJ)

How do we know that we are gathered in His name? The Bible declares in,

2 Tim 2:19

Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." (NKJ)

When we gather without renouncing our iniquitous practices we are not gathered in His name.

When we gather in the name of a local Church or pastor we are not gathered in His name.

The name of a person harmonizes with his authority, will, character and values. When we want to use the authority in His name but do not identify with His will, character and values we are using the Name of the Lord in vain. Therefore God has no obligation to manifest His presence.

Deut 12:5

5 "But you shall seek the place where the LORD your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go. 11 "then there will be the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide. There you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, and all your choice offerings which you vow to the LORD. 21 "If the place where the LORD your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, then you may slaughter from your herd and from your flock which the LORD has given you, just as I have commanded you, and you may eat within your gates as much as your heart desires. (NKJ)

In the Old Testament God's name was located at an address e.g. Tabernacle of Moses or Temple of Solomon. In the New Testament, God's felt presence means that His name is there.

B. SUGGESTED ANSWERS:

1. All who have the Manifest Presence of God will prosper materially, but not all who prosper materially have the Manifest Presence. e.g.

A. All the cults can boast of great material wealth yet it is clear that they do not have the Manifest Presence of God.

B. The Laodicean Church (Rev.3: 17-20) was rich but Christ was out of the Church, trying to get in.

2. Restoration of what the devourer had eaten. Prosperity was the sign of God's presence in the "midst of Israel".

Joel 2:24-27

24 The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. 25 "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust, my great army which I sent among you. 26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be put to shame. 27 Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God and there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame." (NKJ)

3. PRAYERFULNESS (Acts 10: 2)

- HONOURING GOD:
 - Through praise - (Ps. 135: 20 / Ps. 22: 23)
 - Through worship - (Heb. 12: 28 / Ps. 5: 7)
 - Through service - (Ps. 2: 11 / Jhn.22: 5 / Deut.6: 13)
- OBEDIENCE (Ecc.12: 13 / Deut.10: 12 / Col.3: 22 / Gen. 22: 12)
- Benevolence (Acts 10: 2 / Lev.25: 17 / Lev. 19:14,15,32)
- OPPOSING EVIL (Prov.16: 6 / 2 Cor.7: 1 / Prov.3: 7 / Exod.20: 20)
- SUBMISSION TO ONE ANOTHER (Eph. 5: 21)

4. PURPOSE OF SIGNS AND WONDERS

- A. Demonstrate the Power of God.
- B. Confirm the Word.
- C. Aids to belief.
- D. Authenticate the man of God.

5. HOW TO EVALUATE THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN A MEETING:

- A. Is there edification? (building up of the believers) i.e. motivation to pray, study God's word, serve God, Worship, etc.
- B. Is there conviction of sin?

No. Involuntary prostration occurs because of the power of God, in His presence. Examples:

John 18:6

Then-- when He said to them, "I am He,"-- they drew back and fell to the ground. (NKJ)

Rev 1:17

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. (NKJ)

Also see 2 Chr 5:13-14

Some people are motivated to grow after the experience. Others just enjoy the presence and don't grow.
Growth is a progressive work of the Holy Spirit.

6. REASONS FOR PROSTRATION:

- A. Power of God.
- B. Medical reasons e.g. stroke/heart attack/hypoglycemia.
- C. Pushing.
- D. Wanting to please the preacher.
- E. Fear that others may think you are not spiritual.
- F. Tripping.

Yes. Sprains, lacerations and serious injuries e.g. extradural haematomas can be sustained when people fall.

The Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses and Seventh Day Adventists have excelled in growth over the past few years. Therefore you cannot use numerical growth alone to say that God's Manifest Presence is in your Church.

SEE "C" BELOW.

7. KINDS OF PRAYERS THAT INVITE THE MANIFEST PRESENCE OF GOD:

A. FERVENT, DESPERATE, EARNEST PRAYERS:

James 5:16

16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. (NKJ)

Ps 145:18

18 The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. (NKJ)

Luke 22:42-44

42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." 43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. 44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. (NKJ)

FASTING DEMONSTRATES FERVENCY, EARNESTNESS AND DESPERATION.

Daniel's fervent prayers accompanied by fasting (Dan 10:2-30) was followed by an angelic visitation.

B. PRAYER FOR OTHERS

Solomon prayed for others See 2Chr 6:14-42; 2Chr 7:1-2. Daniel prayed for Israel. See Dan 9.

C. UNITED PRAYER

Acts 1:14

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. (NKJ)

Acts 4:24

So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them." (NKJ)

D. UNCEASING PRAYER

Acts 12:5

Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the Church. (NKJ)

8. PRAISE THAT MANIFESTS GOD'S PRESENCE:

- A. Praise with one accord (Acts 4:24).
- B. Loud praises (Ps 98:4; Luke 19:37; Ps 150:5).
- C. Praise from the heart (Ps 57:7; Ps 86:12; Ps 119:7).
- D. Frequent praises (Ps 71:6,14; Ps 119:164).
- E. Praise in times of trials (acts 16:25; Job 1:21; Ps 42:11).
- F. Praise with new songs (Ps 149:1).
- G. Praise with instruments (2Kin 3:15-16; Ps 150:3-5).
- H. David danced in his worship (2 Sam 6:14).
- I. The woman with the alabaster bottle (Matt.26:7;Mk14:3;Lk 7:37).
- J. Clapping (Ps47: 1).
- K. Kneeling (Ps. 95:6; Lk 22:41).
- L. Bowing (Ex 4:31; Ex.34: 8).
- M. Prostration (Matt. 2:11).
- N. Face to the ground (Josh.5: 14; 2Chr.20: 18).
- O. Dancing (Ps. 30:11; Ps. 149:3; Ex 15: 20-21).
- P. Raising hands (Ps. 141:2; 1Tim. 2:8).

9. Reasons some people are silent / inexpressive and unresponsive during worship:

- A. Ignorance of worship. Worship is in truth. 'Thy word is truth' Ps. 119:160; Jhn 17:17). We see from the Word of God that worship is expressive. (see 13 above). Worship is expression of

love for God. We must love him not only with our minds and spirits but also with our bodies.

- B. Fear of man.
- C. Traditional mind sets.
- D. Ingratitude.
- E. Hardened hearts.

10. NAME:

N=Nature of Christ (faith, wisdom, truth, love, holiness)
A=Authority of Christ
M=Manifest Presence
E=Excellence

11. The converse of the mnemonic "PAROUSIA" applies: Viz:

Prayerlessness.
Lack of praise.
Hardening of the heart.
Rebellion.
Strife.
Lack of sacrifices.
Lack of integrity.
When the name of Christ is violated.
In addition:
Irresponsibility.
Traditionalism.
Apathy.
Doubt and unbelief.

12. Samuel (1Sam12: 3-4) – honesty.

Moses (Num.16: 15) - honesty and faithfulness.
Joseph (Gen 39:7-13) - faithfulness.
Paul (2Cor.7: 2) - Honesty.

13. MNEMONIC – “SACRIFICES”

SPIRITUAL BROKENESS
APPRECIATION
CELEBRATION
RAISED HANDS
INTERCESSION
FAITH
INTEGRITY
CONSECRATION
EXALTATION
SHARING

AMPLIFICATION

SPIRITUAL BROKENNESS

This is an attitude of repentance.

Ps 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart--these, O God, You will not despise. (NKJ)

Isa 66:2

For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist," says the LORD. "But on this one will I look: on him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word." (NKJ)

APPRECIATION

Ps 107:22

Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing. (NKJ)

Ps 116:17

I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.(NKJ)

CELEBRATION

Ps 27:6

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD. (NKJ)

Phil 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! (NKJ)

1Thes 5:16

Rejoice always! (NKJ)

RAISED HANDS

Ps 141:2

Let my prayer be set before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. (NKJ)

INTERCESSION

Petition made on behalf of another. This is a sacrifice by definition.

Exod 32:32

"Yet now, if You will forgive their sin-- but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written." (NKJ)

Num 12:13

So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "Please heal her, O God, I pray!" (NKJ)

1 Tim 2:1

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men. (NKJ)

FAITH

Phil 2:17

Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. (NKJ)

INTEGRITY

Ps 4:5

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD. (NKJ)

CONSECRATION

Rom 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. (NKJ)

EXALTATION

Heb 13:15

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. (NKJ)

Jer 33:11

11 'the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who will say: "Praise the LORD of hosts, for the LORD is good, for His mercy endures forever"-- and of those who will bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause the captives of the land to return as at the first,' says the LORD. (NKJ)

SHARING

Heb 13:16

But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. (NKJ)

Phil 4:18

Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. (NKJ)

14. REPENTANCE

Definition: The renunciation of sin and acceptance of a Holy lifestyle through the power of the Spirit.

It is an inward change followed by an outward action. Genuine repentance involves four processes:

An Inward Change

Conviction
Conversion

An Outward Action

Confession
Commitment

The outward action is proof of the inward changes e.g. the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-24).

15. Three hundred men broke earthen vessels, which contained lamps, simultaneously. Once the vessels were broken the lamps were exposed to shine simultaneously - blinding and confusing the enemy. The Bible declares that we have "this treasure" in earthen vessels (2Cor. 4:7 - Christ in us) When we break (humility, repentance), the light of Christ shines forth.

16. Examples:

- (Matt. 27:41, 51-53) Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross manifested God's presence in signs and wonders.
- (2Chr. 20:19-22) Jehoshaphat's army released God's power to smite the enemy through the sacrifice of praise (vs.22).
- Jonah's expulsion from the belly of the fish followed a sacrifice of thanksgiving. (Jonah 2:9-10).
- "sacrifice releases power" is a principle seen in demonic warfare. The king of Moab used this principle to cease Israel's advance against him. He offered a human sacrifice. (2Kings 3: 26-27).

17. "Prayer without ceasing" is constant recurring prayer. Praying for the same thing over and over again.

- Prayer for Peter's release - (Acts 12).
- The widow's importunity - (Luke 18:1-8).

18. Examples of fervent prayer:

- Jesus (Luke 22:42-44) Jesus' prayer in the garden of Gethsemane.
- Hannah (1Sam.1: 10).
- (Lam.2: 18-19).

19.Examples of the manifestation followed by the voice of God.

- A. Gen 1:2
 - Manifestation: Spirit moved upon the face of the waters.
 - The Voice: "Let there be light"
- B. Ex. 3:2,3,17
 - Manifestation: Burning bush.
 - The Voice: (Ex. 3: 17).
- C. Matt 3:16-17
 - Manifestation: Spirit descending as a dove.
 - The Voice: "this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased".
- D. Acts 9:3-4
 - Manifestation: light from heaven.
 - The Voice: "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"
- E. Rev.1: 13-19
 - Manifestation: described in the verses above
 - The Voice (Rev.1: 17-19) "Do not be afraid....."

20.THE COMMAND OF GOD IS THE WILL OF GOD. (THIS IS NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST BUT A FEW DIRECTIVES TO INDICATE THE WILL OF GOD)

Matt 7:21-24

- 21"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.
- 22"Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'
- 23"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'
- 24"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock : (NKJ)

The will of God is the kingdom of God on the earth.

Matt 6:10

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.(NKJ)

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

Matt 6:33

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.(NKJ)

HEAVEN MUST BE MANIFESTED ON THE EARTH.

MNEMONIC “COMMANDS”

**COMMUNION
OBEDIENCE
MORTIFY THE FLESH
MINISTRY CALLING**

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE
NEW COMMANDMENT OF LOVE
DEPEND ON JESUS FOR SALVATION
SUBMIT TO AUTHORITIES

AMPLIFICATION

COMMUNION

1 Cor 11:23-25

23For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."(NKJ)

Review “VICARIOUS” – ALL THAT IS DECLARED IN THE DEATH OF JESUS.

The table on the earth is a prophetic declaration of the benefits of his death available for me on the earth e.g. by his stripes I am healed – therefore it is His will that I should not be sick on the earth.

OBEDIENCE TO THE GREAT COMMISSION

Matt 28:19-20

19"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20"teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.(NKJ)

2 Pet 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.(NKJ)

Evangelize / Disciple / Baptize.

It is His will that we raise people that think like Him to fill the earth. In baptism I am impressing the character of God in heaven upon the individual on the earth.

John 13:16-17

16"Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17"If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.(NKJ)

MORTIFY THE FLESH

1Thes 4:3-8

3For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;
4that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,
5not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;
6that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.
7For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.
8Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.(NKJ)

Holiness in heaven must be seen on earth.

MINISTRY CALLING

God has appointed Prophets, Teachers, Evangelists, Pastors and Apostles. It is God's will that you function in your appointment.

1 Cor 7:17-24
17But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the churches.
18Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised.
19Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters.
20Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called.
21Were you called while a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use it.
22For he who is called in the Lord while a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called while free is Christ's slave.
23You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.
24Brethren, let each one remain with God in that state in which he was called.(NKJ)

The rank and order of heaven must be on the earth.

ALL OF US ARE HOWEVER CALLED TO SERVE.

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

1Thes 5:16-18
16Rejoice always,
17pray without ceasing,
18in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.(NKJ)

The gratitude and praise of heaven must be on the earth.

NEW COMMANDMENT OF LOVE

John 13:34-35

34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

(NKJ)

The love of God in heaven must be seen in a people on the earth.

DEPEND ON JESUS FOR SALVATION

John 6:40

"And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day." (NKJ)

John 3:36

"He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him. (NKJ)

John 12:47-50

not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

48 "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him-- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

49 "For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.

50 "And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak." (NKJ)

I Jn 3:23-24

23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

24 Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us. (NKJ)

The supremacy of Jesus must be seen on the earth for God has highly exalted Him.

SUBMIT TO AUTHORITIES

1 Pet 2:13-15

13 Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme,

14 or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.

15For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men--(NKJ)

Rom 13:1-2

1Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

2Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.(NKJ)

Authority of God must be seen on the earth.

21.THE ATTITUDE IN OBEDIENCE.

Phil 2:13

for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.(NKJ)

MNEMONIC – OBEDIENCE

OBSTINATE

BOLD

ENTHUSIASTIC

DELIGHTFUL

INVARIABLE

EARNEST

NON-COMPROMISING

CHRIST-LIKE

EXPEDITIOUS

AMPLIFICATION

OBSTINATE

“obey steadfastly”

This is focussed obedience.

Josh 1:7

"Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.(NKJ)

Ps 119:112

I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes forever, to the very end.(NKJ)

BOLD

“obey boldly”

Acts 4:19-20

19But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge.

20"For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."(NKJ)

Acts 4:13

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.(NKJ)

Acts 4:29

"Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,(NKJ)

Phil 1:20

according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.(NKJ)

ENTHUSIASTIC

“obey willingly”

Isa 1:19

If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;(NKJ)

DELIGHTFUL

“obey joyfully”

Ps 40:8

I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart."(NKJ)

INVARIABLE

“obey always”

Phil 2:12

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;(NKJ)

2 Tim 4:2

Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching(NKJ)

EARNEST

“obey wholeheartedly”

Ps 119:69

The proud have forged a lie against me, but I will keep Your precepts with my whole heart.(NKJ)

Deut 11:13

'And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.(NKJ)

Ps 119:34

Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.(NKJ)

NON-COMPROMISING

“obey unambiguously”

Acts 5:29

But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men.(NKJ)

1 Sam 15:24

Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.(NKJ)

CHRIST-LIKE

“obey like Christ”

Matt 26:39

He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.(NKJ)

John 13:15

"For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.(NKJ)

I Jn 2:6

He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.(NKJ)

1 Pet 2:21

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.(NKJ)

EXPEDITIOUS

“obey speedily”

Luke 19:5-6

5And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

6So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.(NKJ)

Eccl 9:10

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.(NKJ)

Heb 3:7-8

**7Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice,
8Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness,(NKJ)**

Matt 5:25

"Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you are thrown into prison.(NKJ)

22.PURPOSE OF THE FIVE-FOLD GIFTS:

- A. The persons themselves are the gifts and through these gifts God demonstrates His dwelling amongst His people. (Ps. 68:18).
- B. Perfecting of the saints - Maturity - (Eph. 4:12).
- C. Work of the ministry (Eph.4: 12).
- D. Edification of the Body corporate. (Church).

23.Characteristics of Integrity. Ps.24: 3-4 / Is.33: 15-16

- A. Clean hands.
- B. Pure heart.
- C. Do not worship idols.
- D. Does not swear deceitfully.
- E. Walks righteously.
- F. Speaks rightly.
- G. Rejects gain from extortion.
- H. Does not accept bribes.
- I. Does not plot murder.
- J. Does not contemplate evil.

24.The liberty in God's presence is pictured by:

➤ **PAUL AND SILAS' DELIVERANCE**

When the presence of God manifested in jail - Paul and Silas were freed from the stocks (Acts 16:26).

➤ **PETER'S DELIVERANCE**

Peter was freed from his chains when the Angel of the Lord (Angel from God's presence) visited him (Acts 12:7).

In addition the Holy Spirit leads into all truth.

John 16:13

13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will." (NKJ)

Truth brings liberty.

John 8:32

32 "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (NKJ)

25. EDIFICATION OCCURS THROUGH:

JOY

Ps 16:11

You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (NKJ)

Acts 8:8

And there was great joy in that city. (NKJ)

This joy comes from Jesus (John 15:11), through the Spirit (Gal 5:22). Note: "...for the joy of the Lord is your strength." (Neh 8:10)

WARMTH AND COMFORT

John 14:1, 18

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. (KJV)

Luke 24:32

And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" (NKJ)

The presence of God gives warmth and comfort. The Holy Spirit is called "Comforter".

John 14:26

26. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (KJV)

Acts 9:31

Then the Churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied. (NKJ)

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

These gifts are manifestations of the Holy Spirit (1Cor 12:6) that build the Church.

1 Cor 12:6-7

6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: (NKJ)

REST

Exod 33:14

And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." (NKJ)

Jesus said in

Matt 11:28

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (NKJ)

COURAGE

2 Tim 4:17

But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. And I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. (NKJ)

Isa 41:10

'Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand..' (NKJ)

Ps 27:14

14 Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD! (NKJ)

If there is no edification in a Church gathering, I would doubt the claim that God's presence manifested mightily.

26. 2Tim.3: 16

27. Revelatory / enlightenment features of the Manifest Presence

- A. Revelation of Christ's Lordship (Acts 9:3-6 John 20: 27-28).
- B. Wisdom, knowledge, understanding (Ex. 35: 30-32).
- C. Revelation of the end of the wicked (Ps.73: 17).
- D. Revelation of prejudice (Acts.10: 13-16).
- E. Revelation of the true God (Dan.3: 29).
- F. Revelation of one's sinful state (Is.6: 5; Lk 5: 8).

28. Similarities of the Ark of the Covenant & Manifest Presence:

	ARK OF THE COVENANT:	MANIFEST PRESENCE:
28.1 Power to overcome obstacles:	Josh. 3:15-16	Judges 14:6; 14:19; 15:14
28.2 Prosperity:	Obed-Edom 2 Sam 6:11	Joseph Gen 39:2-3; Hezekiah 2Kin. 18:7; David 2Sam.5: 10
28.3 Victory over the enemy:	Dagon 1 Sam.5: 4 Jericho - Joshua 6	Josh.3: 10 1 John 4:4

29. ICHABOD:

- A son of Phinehas. The name means - "the glory has departed from Israel" (1Sam. 4:19-22). Phinehas' wife named the child, birthed at the time that the Ark was stolen and her father-in-law died, to reflect the shame of Israel.
- Hophni and Phinehas violated the priesthood. They took more than their share of the offerings. They indulged in sexual sin (1Sam 2:22). Eli failed to discipline his sons. Rules pertaining to ministry at the Ark were not observed.

There is no record that the proper steps were taken to cover the ark during transit. This violation of the priesthood resulted in the Ark being taken away by the Philistines. This departure of the Ark is equal to the glory departing from Israel - the departure of the Manifest Presence of God.

30. The birth of Ichabod in a Church is equal to the departure of the Manifest Presence and is a result of fleshly indulgences viz.: prayerlessness / lasciviousness / disobedience.

31. The 3 categories of the presence of God:

- **GOD IS OMNIPRESENT**

This is the attribute by which God is invisibly present in every part of the universe at the same time as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Prov 15:3

The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good. (NKJ)

Jer 23:24

"Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD. (NKJ)

Eph 1:23

which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (NKJ)

➤ GOD'S INDWELLING PRESENCE IN ALL CHRISTIANS

This may be referred to as the "saving" presence of God.

1 Cor 3:16

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (NKJ)

1 Cor 6:19

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? (NKJ)

The Holy Spirit indwells every Born-Again believer. The absence of the Holy Spirit in a person represents an unregenerated state.

Rom 8:9-10

But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. (NKJ)

➤ THE "FELT" OR "TANGIBLE" PRESENCE OF GOD - REFERRED TO AS THE MANIFEST PRESENCE OF GOD

This is part of the glory of God. God's presence will be felt by those who draw near to Him.

James 4:8

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts. (NKJ)

32. Signs of an evil presence:

- Morbid fear / intimidation (e.g. Goliath's presence intimidated and paralysed Israel with fear).
- Uncleanliness (Demoniac of Gadara).
- Poverty - enemy in your habitation - (1 Sam 2:36).
- Sickness (especially recurrent).
- Apathy - lack of interest in the things of God.
- Unbelief.
- Obvious demon manifestations.

33. CHARACTERISTICS OF A FAST DECREED BY GOD: ISA. 58

- A. Loose the chains of injustice . - i.e. do the right thing.
- B. Set the oppressed free - to us that would mean setting the captives free through the gospel of Christ.
- C. Break every yoke - deal with personal bondages and strongholds in your life.

- D. Good works - Share your food with the hungry; Shelter the poor; Clothe the naked; Do not reject your brothers and sisters (relatives).
- E. Do away with the pointed finger - stop accusations and blaming others.
- F. Do away with malicious talk - stop gossip and slander.
- G. Keep the Sabbath - Rest from your own works and enter into the rest of Christ. Enter into the finished work of Christ. Ruled by the Spirit, established in the faith and triumphant over the world, flesh and Satan.

34. BENEFITS OF ISA 58 FAST:

- A. Manifesting your light.
- B. Quick healing.
- C. Glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.
- D. Answered prayer.
- E. Needs satisfied.
- F. Strength.
- G. Well watered garden (Fruitfulness).
- H. Water never fails (Anointing).
- I. Rebuild ancient ruins (build where others failed).
- J. Repairer of broken walls (ministry of reconciliation and protection of the body).
- K. Restorer of the streets with dwellings (Church planter).
- L. Find your joy in the Lord.
- M. Ride on the heights of the land (prosperity).
- N. Feast on the inheritance (enjoy the legacy you have received).

35. HOW TO SEEK GOD: PAROUSIA

PRAYER
ACCLAMATION
REPENTANCE
OBEDIENCE
UNITY
SACRIFICE
INTEGRITY
ASSEMBLY IN HIS NAME

C. THE BENEFITS OF HIS MANIFEST PRESENCE

1. POWER

There is power in the presence of God:

1.1. POWER TO WITNESS

Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (NKJ)

The greatest benefit is the salvation of the lost through the power of the Spirit.

Acts 2:41

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. (NKJ)

1.2. POWER TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES

Josh 3:15-16

15 and as those who bore the Ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the Ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), 16 that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho. (NKJ)

Judge 14:6,19

6 And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. 19 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon him mightily, and he went down to Ashkelon and killed thirty of their men, took their apparel, and gave the changes of clothing to those who had explained the riddle. So his anger was aroused, and he went back up to his father's house. (NKJ)

Judge 15:14

14 When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting against him. Then the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him; and the ropes that were on his arms became like flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds broke loose from his hands. (NKJ)

1.3. POWER TO HEAL, DELIVER AND PREACH

Luke 5:17

17 Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them. (NKJ)

Luke 4:18-19

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." (NKJ)

Judges 6: 12-14

Gideon was mighty because of the Manifest Presence.

Jer.15: 20

Deliverance of Jeremiah.

2. PROTECTION

Protection is promised to those who dwell in God's presence.

Ps 91:1

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. (NKJ)

Isa 43:1-5

1. But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine. 2. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. 3. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place. 4. Since you were precious in My sight, you have been honored, and I have loved you; therefore I will give men for you, and people for your life. 5. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, and gather you from the west; (NKJ)

2.1. The presence of God shielded the Israelites from the Egyptians.

Exod 14:19-20

19 And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. 20 So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night. (NKJ)

2.2. God's presence protected Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace.

Dan 3:24-25

24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." 25 "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." (NKJ)

2.3. God's presence in Joshua's life assured him safety.

Josh 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." (NKJ)

3. PETRIFIES THE ENEMY

3.1. The Ark is a type of the presence of God. The Amorites and Canaanites were paralysed with fear.

Josh 5:1

So it was, when all the kings of the Amorites who were on the west side of the Jordan, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel until we had crossed over, that their heart melted; and there was no spirit in them any longer because of the children of Israel. (NKJ)

3.2. The Philistines were terrified of the presence of God.

1 Sam 4:6-8

6 Now when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, "What does the sound of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews mean?" Then they understood that the Ark of the LORD had come into the camp. 7 So the Philistines were afraid, for they said, "God has come into the camp!" And they said, "Woe to us! For such a thing has never happened before. 8 "Woe to us! Who will deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? These are the gods who struck the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness. (NKJ)

3.3. Demons were terrified.

Luke 8:28

When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" (NKJ)

Mark 1:24

24 saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are-- the Holy One of God!" (NKJ)

4. PREVAILS OVER THE ENEMY

EXAMPLES:

➤ **JERICHO**

Without the Ark (presence of God) such a victory would not have occurred.

Josh 6:20

So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. (NKJ)

➤ THE ENEMIES IN CANAAN

Josh 3:10

10 And Joshua said, "By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Jebusites." (NKJ)

Victory over these enemies was proof that God was with Israel.

➤ OVER DAGON

1 Sam 5:4

4 And when they arose early the next morning, there was Dagon, fallen on its face to the ground before the Ark of the LORD. The head of Dagon and both the palms of its hands were broken off on the threshold; only the torso of Dagon was left of it. (NKJ)

➤ OVER SATAN

I Jn 4:4

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. (NKJ)

➤ GOLIATH

David defeated Goliath to show that God was in Israel.

1 Sam 17:46

"This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel." (NKJ)

5. PLEASURE

Ps 16:11

You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (NKJ)

6. POPULARITY

EXAMPLES:

➤ JOSHUA

Josh 3:7

And the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you." (NKJ)

Josh 6:27

So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout all the country. (NKJ)

➤ **DAVID**

2 Sam 5:10

So David went on and became great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him. (NKJ)

➤ **SOLOMON**

1King 4:31

For he was wiser than all men-- than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his fame was in all the surrounding nations. (NKJ)

7. PROSPERITY

See prosperity document in ABC 1.

8. PEACE

Exod 33:14

And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." (NKJ)