

The Presence of the Spirit of God V

The presence of the Holy Spirit is like a river flowing out of us.

KJV **John 7:37** In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. ³⁸ **He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.** ³⁹ **(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)**

I

Fallen mankind flees from God's presence.

Adam fled from the presence of God.

NRSV **Genesis 3:8** They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and **the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** among the trees of the garden.

Cain fled from the presence of God.

NRSV **Genesis 4:16** **Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD,** and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

There are consequential actions and feelings away from His presence.

- Guilt is the state of one who has committed an offense especially consciously.
- Shame is a condition of humiliating disgrace or disrepute.
- Hiding means to put out of sight, to conceal or to keep secret.
- Blame is to find fault with or to hold responsible.

II

Man does all kind activity away from the presence of God.

Genesis 4 shows man building culture away from the presence of God.

Man builds...

- Cities Vs 17
- Family Vs 19
- Community Vs 20
- Instrument and makes music Vs 21
- Tools and industry Vs 22

III

Where can we go from the presence of the Spirit?

NLT **Psalm 139:7 I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!** ⁸ If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. ⁹ If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me. ¹¹ I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night— ¹² but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you.

- He's up there! Vs 8a
- He's down here! Vs 8b
- He's everywhere! Vs 9-10

IV

The Lord says come near, not stay away!

- Come unto me...

KJV **Matthew 11:28** **Come unto me**, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

- Draw near...

KJV **Hebrew 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.

- Come boldly to the throne...

KJV **Hebrews 4:16** **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Don't flee from His presence!

- *Come! Draw near! Come boldly!*

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