

## *His Presence calls me to be Present*

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Let's begin by reading the following versions of Psalm 89:15-17, pick which one you prefer, then underline the ways we learn to walk in His presence:

<b>NIV</b> 15Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord. 16They rejoice in your name all day long; they celebrate your righteousness.	<b>MSG</b> Blessed are the people who know the passwords of praise, who shout on parade in the bright presence of God. Delighted, they dance all day long; they know who you are, what you do—they can't keep it quiet!
<b>NET</b> How blessed are the people who worship you! O Lord, they experience your favor. They rejoice in your name all day long, and are vindicated by your justice.	<b>HCSB</b> Happy are the people who know the joyful shout; Yahweh, they walk in the light of Your presence. They rejoice in Your name all day long, and they are exalted by Your righteousness. For You are their magnificent strength; by Your favor our horn is exalted.

Do the words "acclaim, passwords of praise, worship, and joyful shout" stand out to you? These are all ways that that Psalm 89 speaks to us about how to walk in the light of God's presence.

Since I live in the tech world I love the "passwords of praise" wording. We have an issue in our house of "forgetting" our passwords so as a solution we have created files that keep all our passwords in one place....the issue is if we forget the password to the password file, you get it don't you? In the same way our emotions try to make us feel like we are so locked out of the presence of God, that He is such a long way away, but the password of praise will unlock the distance and will cause us to BE present in His presence. God does not intend His presence to be a destination that is so hard to get to, it is His invitation to come and BE.

What are some ways that you can bring praise into your daily routine?

It is important to remember that God's presence is always with us; the challenge in our lives is that we are not WITH Him. When you engage your spirit by bringing praise into your day, you are being intentional about bringing your life into the "Practice of His Presence." You are resetting your default system to live a life that is daily present with God.

In Exodus 25:30 we find this: "Put the bread of the Presence on this table to be before me at all times." Look what Matthew Henry's commentary says about this piece of scripture:

In the royal palace it was fit that there should be a royal table. Some make the twelve loaves to represent the twelve tribes, set before God as his people. As the ark signified God's being present with them, so the twelve loaves signified their being presented to God. This bread was designed to be, (1.) A thankful acknowledgement of God's goodness to them, in giving them their daily bread, manna in the wilderness, where he prepared a table for them (2.) A token of their communion with God, this bread on God's table being made of the same corn with the bread on their own tables, God and Israel did, as it were, eat together, as a pledge of friendship and fellowship; he supped with them, and they with him. (3.) A type of the spiritual provision which is made in the church, by the gospel of Christ, for all that are made priests to our God. *In our Father's house there is bread enough and to spare*, a loaf for every tribe.

Three ways the bread of Presence speaks to us: Thanksgiving, communion, and provision.

The question for us today is what are we allowing to fill us if not the bread of His presence? Can you honestly pinpoint some areas in your life that are standing in the way of you communing with God?

God's presence is always with you, this relationship was designed for mutuality. The more intentional you are about being in step with God's presence, the more aware you are of how God intervenes for you throughout your day.

Can you look back through your day today and list 5 places of blessing to give God thanks for? Let Him open your eyes to His daily presence with you! He is your supply, your companion, your comforter....and yes, He wants and has provided a way for us to be inter-connected with Him throughout our daily lives.

Today's Blessings in His Presence:

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