

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

MARK 6:47-56

Introduction

A. Some people hide from the presence of God

Genesis 3:8

And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

B. The wicked cannot stand in the presence of God

Psalm 68:2

As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

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C. Creation trembles at the presence of the God

Psalm 114:7

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;

D. There is joy in the presence of God

Luke 15:10

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Psalm 16:11

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

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E. Christ stands in the presence of God for us

Hebrews 9:24

For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:



I. God Sees Us

Mark 6:47-48

47 And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land.

48 And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.

A. When you are alone

B. When you do not think He can see you

C. When you are struggling

Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

II. Do Not Be Surprised By God's Presence

Mark 6:49-52

49 But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out:

50 For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.

51 And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.

52 For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.

II. Do Not Be Surprised By God's Presence

A. When He shows up

Mark 6:6

And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

B. At His message

Acts 27:25

Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

II. Do Not Be Surprised By God's Presence

C. When He fixes your problem

Isaiah 59:1

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

D. Do not have an hardened heart

Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

III. Others Need To Meet Jesus

Mark 6:53-56

53 And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore.

54 And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him,

55 And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was.

56 And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.

III. Others Need To Meet Jesus

A. There are people yearning to see Jesus

John 12:20-21

20 And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:

21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

III. Others Need To Meet Jesus

B. There are hurting people needing to be brought to Jesus

Acts 16:9

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

C. We need to put people in Jesus' path and respond when Jesus puts people in our path

Do you know someone who needs to be touched by God's grace?

**ARE YOU SURPRISED
OR SURRENDERED
IN GOD'S PRESENCE?**