



GOD'S PRESENCE IS ALL AROUND US, THERE IS NO MORE SEPARATION, AND WE ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REALITY OF HEAVEN, THE PLACE WHERE GOD IS SEATED ON THE THRONE, HERE AND NOW!

NOTES

1. We see in Exodus 25:17-22 a picture of the mercy seat that sat on top of the ark of the covenant with 2 cherubim placed on both sides. This is the place God's presence would manifest (in clouds & fire) and would pour out mercy and grace from this place that represented His throne. We also see 2 cherubim places at the garden to guard the way to the tree of life with swords of fire. Both places, where the presence of God was, was protecting us from death (by touching the presence of God in the ark and eating of the tree of life in a fallen state of sin). As we read John 20:11-17, Mary looked into the tomb and saw 2 cherubim on the left and right side of where Jesus body was laid, the mercy seat was open (because of the blood of Jesus) and His presence was all around! There was now a permission to enter by way of belief in Jesus! We even see in Revelation 19 that His eyes were of fire; so when we become identified in Jesus as His bride; we can see through eyes like fire, a representation of the ability to enter in the place that we were once protected from by way of that same fire.
2. Jesus didn't want Mary to cling to Him because He wanted her to cling to the new glory of who He is in His ascension to the throne room, rather than a memory of a teacher who died on a cross. We must not merely remember Him, we must cling to His presence in our lives. This is the invitation to the manifest presence of God!
3. Hebrews 4:16 encourages us to boldly enter in to the throne room of the Lord. This is the place we receive mercy and grace; it is the place where we can experience the presence of God because we are righteous and worthy to enter. Sanctification is not becoming clean and set apart, it is the embracing that we already are! We have been sanctified (1 Cor 6:11), therefore, the process of being sanctified is merely getting aligned with the truth that we are!
4. John 5:1-9 we see a man waiting at the pool of Bethesda to get healed, and when Jesus showed up, he was still using the excuse of not getting in the pool as his reason to not be healed. Many of us do this when it comes to God. We are looking for a pool, a place, when we should fix our eyes on the presence of God which is not limited to a place!
5. When we understand there is an invitation to the throne room, we see that the prayers we offer to the Lord do not go to a far away place, but lifted all around us. We see in Revelation 4 and 5 that the elders in the Throne Room of God are holding the prayers of the people. When we pray, these prayers are lifted to heaven, and this is the place where they are answered. So we move from a "I hope God hears me and He answers me" to a reality of walking in the very room where God has already answered them! You move from waiting to experiencing because we are IN the presence!