

PRESENT

Presence

Matthew 1:23

PRESENT - IN THE TEMPLE

Matthew 1:23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

1. A passionless heart for God is _____
by a passionate heart for God.

2 Samuel 6:16 As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart.



2. God is always providing a way back into _____
_____.

2 Chronicles 30:9b For the LORD your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him.

3. The _____ of God was in the Temple.

Exodus 15:11 “Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”

4. The Presence of God brings _____.

Ezekiel 47 [8] And he said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. [9] And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. ...[12] And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.” **(Compare to Revelation 22:1-3)**

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Questions and reflections for your own personal or group study.

1. What does it mean to have a “passionate heart for the presence of God?” Would people say that describes you?
2. What are some practical and tangible ways God is providing for you to come back into His presence?
3. When you find yourself distant from God, how do you often respond?
4. How do you understand the Holiness of God? What sets God apart?
5. Read the scene in Isaiah 6:1-7. How was God’s holiness transferred to Isaiah?
6. How is God’s holiness transferred to us today?
7. What kind of “life” does the presence of God bring?
8. Compare Ezekiel 47 passage above to Revelation 22:1-3.