

His Presence

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The presence of YHWH is what we need daily. And if His presence does not go with us, we ought not to move, until it does. This is a daily exercise. It's part of the Great Commandment, to love YHWH with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. Mattityahu 22

35 Then one of them, who was a Torah master, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying,

36 Rabbi, which one is the greatest mitzvah in the Torah?

37 יהושע said to him, *You shall love the Master יהוה your אלהא with all your lev, and with all your being, and with your entire mind.*¹

38 *This is the first and greatest commandment.*

39 *And the second is like it; You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

40 *On these two commandments hang all the Torah and the neviim.*²

The word used over 7 times in Hebrew for presence is PANAYIM, or face, or more literally faces. The face, many faces/manifestations' of YHWH's substance in our lives. His primary substance is wind/Spirit/Ruach HaKodesh. His face, or presence is the tangible way He chooses to reveal Himself to you/us. Recall please that both the Table and the Showbread in the mishkan and Temple were known as the table and bread of His presence, or the Lechem HaPanayim. Bread of His Presence/Faces, as is the matzah we celebrate as His broken body on Pesach, a manifestation of His love in our lives.

Within this general concept of presence, we can categorize the presence even further. Remember my presence, "panai," or plural "panayim" is a literal manifestation of His Ruach/strength/glory. Strength, or glory is kavod in Hebrew, or "kavodi" My glory. Sometimes the term Shechinah is used; it is used more by men than by YHWH, to describe YHWH's panai.

Common Presence- As seen in Beresheet chapter 1:2. This is available to all on earth, as is air, land, sea, water etc. It takes no special endowment, or receptive heart to be received and embraced. It is common in that it does not abide with chosen and favored individuals, but is a general presence that allows the universe and the planet to function. This is like the rain and snow that falls on both the just and the unjust.

Relational Presence-A new phase of His panayim. The overriding purpose is to ABIDE in presence with chosen individuals. This is the reason Yahshua came to have a specific, personal presence to relate to us and with us in life's most trying times. To daily help us to obey and embrace the Great Commandment. An ONGOING manifestation in us and through us to relate to us without ceasing. Open access to Him! The relational presence is for those who have found chen/unmerited favor not a common general presence.

Yeshayahu 6

6 In the year that melech Uziyahu died I also saw יהוה sitting upon a kesay, high and lifted up, and the hem of His robe³

¹ The Shema of Devarim/ Deuteronomy 6:4-5.

² Torah can't be "done away with," indeed, Yahshua says the Torah and the prophets hang on these two big ones. That is, these two big ones expand into the details, which are contained in the Torah and the prophets. They don't replace the 613 laws, they are the foundation of those laws.

³ Yahshua, since no man has, or can see the Father, either in person, or in vision.

filled the Hekal.

2 Above it stood seraphim: each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

3 And one cried to another, and said, Kadosh, kadosh, kadosh, is יהוה tzevaoth; **the whole earth is full of His tifereth.**

4 And the posts of the door shook at the voice of him that cried, and the Bayit⁴ was filled with smoke.

5 Then I said, Woe is me! For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for my eyes have seen the Melech,⁵ יהוה tzevaoth.

6 Then flew one of the seraphim to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from the altar:

7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, See, this has touched your lips; and now your iniquity is taken away from you, and your sin is purged.

8 Also I heard the voice of יהוה, saying, *Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?*⁶ Then I said, Hinayni; send me.

9 And He said, *Go, and tell this people, You hear indeed, but understand nothing; and you see indeed, but perceive nothing.*

10 For the levavot of these people are darkened and their ears are heavy, and their eyes are closed; so that they cannot see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their levavot, and make teshuvah, to be forgiven and healed.^{7 8}

Yeshayahu had relational presence unlike the rest of B'nai Yisrael.

Yochanan 14

16 *And I will ask the Abba, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may stay with you le-olam-va-ed;*

17 Even the Ruach of Emet; whom the olam hazeh cannot receive, because it sees Him not, neither knows Him: but you know Him; for He dwells with you, and shall be in you.

18 I will not leave you as orphans: I will come to you after a little while.

19 *Yet a little while, and the olam hazeh will see Me no more; but you will see Me: because I live, you shall live also.*

20 *In that day you shall know that I am in My Abba, and you in Me, and I in you.*

28 *You have heard what I said to you, I go away, and come again to you. If you loved Me, you would gilah,*

Yochanan 16

13 *But when He, the Ruach of Emet, has come, He will guide you into all emet: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come in the future.*

14 He shall esteem Me: for He shall receive from Me what is Mine, and shall show it to you.

Yochanan 17

24 *Abba, I will that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may see My tifereth, which You have given Me: for You loved Me before the foundation of the olam hazeh.*

Let have some fun and look at Mattiyahu 24: in a whole new way

3 And as He sat upon the Mount of Olives, the talmidim came to Him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? **And what shall be the sign of Your coming/presence,** and of the end of this age?

PRESENCE in Aramaic and Parousia in Greek, the literal word for PRESENCE. Let's read these verses looking not merely for His literal physical return, but for what it would mean, in that He has already returned in relational presence for His talmidim! The words can just as easily mean He is here now, to be present now with individuals! In the last days, He is increasing His presence; not in the world, but among His people! Later at His physical return, His presence is seen in

⁴ The same "house" where the Spirit fell in Acts 2, not in the upper room.

⁵ Messiah.

⁶ A reference to the duality of powers in heaven, YHWH and His Word-the Son.

⁷ When Yisrael refuses understanding and perception, their heart, like that of Pharaoh, just grows hard like wax.

⁸ Peshitta.

His face. For now His presence is seen by end time signs. Let's analyze the signs of His Presence in verses 3 and following.

Working Active Presence-If he is present now daily for all believers, Lets look at an example of his working presence in the lives of believers. Dibre Hayamim Bet 2nd Chron 20: 1-30. Read and explain.

Yochanan 14

12 *Amein, amein, I say to you, He that believes on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to My Abba.*

Working Presence is where the Presence does all the work and we do NONE. It's done through us and for us to bring YHWH glory and honor and to bring us victory. Don't misunderstand this. It's not so we can work at serving YHWH, but just the opposite. **We have to only relax and worship Him in the beauty of holiness, most easily done in music, or some other form or expression of love and affection.** That draws Him to our cause and His power does all the work! Those who are blessed with His working Presence first must be declared eligible by His Relational Presence.

Irresistible Presence-Built on the other three. Moshe learned not to move without it. See Shemot 33. YHWH agrees to go with us because He loves us and finds us irresistible. That's why He made us and then redeemed us when we fell into gross darkness. His irresistible Presence speaks of YHWH not us, overcoming and going around all confusion, doubt, indecision and waywardness, to guide us and lead us safely to the shores of His purpose and plans. Like with Moshe, it is the irresistible Presence that led our forefathers' right out of the wilderness to the Promised Land. Where did Moshe first encounter this irresistible presence that he was drawn to? At the burning bush, where He learned of YHWH's Name, the Name that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob knew. He found a purpose and clarity that he could not find anywhere in life. YHWH's irresistible Presence had taken over; so that YHWH could no longer resist desiring to be with Moshe from that day forward. That's the Promised Land that YHWH wants to bring us all to. His desire is to be with us daily, because He has ALREADY COME and is HERE NOW, **because HE could not wait for a physical return; such is His desire to be with us and bring us Promised Land purpose, guidance and clarity.** YHWH's response is YES! IF YOUR MINE, I WILL GO WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO and reveal myself to you in differing stages and varying power.

And Finally

Outside Presence-If you are committed to a life of being in His presence, built on irresistible, working, relational and common presence, YHWH will bring you to a SPECIAL AND DIFFERENT place away from the camp, or Tabernacle and separate you fully and totally only for His purposes. You will be entrusted with His glory and honor to carry it. **However, you will not be able to abide in this presence unless you are willing to be outcast and ostracized as a total and complete fanatic, determined to see nothing but Yahshua!** We see examples of this in Moshe's life, as all the people could only watch from the doors of their tents, at a distance, not entering the calling to separate and come OUTSIDE the camp, outside the normal common, or relational presence. **Only Moshe and Aaron had access to this presence, while the others merely watched from a distance from within the general camp population. Only those called and willing to travel outside the camp, enter into the reserved realm of the OUTSIDE PRESENCE.**

Shemot 33-8-And it came to pass, when Moshe went out to the Tabernacle that all the people rose up, and stood every man at his tent door, and looked at Moshe, until he was gone into the Tabernacle.

9 And it came to pass, as Moshe entered into the Tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the Tabernacle, and יהוה talked with Moshe.

10 And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the Tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door.

The people had a common, or relational presence but not a working or outside the camp presence.

11 And יהוה spoke to Moshe panayim-el-panayim, as a man speaks to his chaver.⁹ And he returned again into the camp: but his eved Yahoshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the Tabernacle.

Yahoshua had entered the Outside the Camp Presence as well! 3 out of 3 million!

See and explain Mattityahu 17:1-9. Verse 1. The outside the camp Presence can only take place on a high mountain, alone and away from the camp of this world, without others around you, as you and Yahshua are alone in the high places of peace and revelation, where others cannot go, or will not go when summoned. In this presence you neither see nor desire to see, or know nothing but Yahshua's love and light.

Not doctrine, not rules and regulations or anything else. Verse 5-It is a presence that will overshadow you; meaning all else is lost. Stress, anxiety, pressure, finances, challenges, all disappear as His power has over shadowed all of life's challenges for the few who answer that high calling. Like in Moshe's day, in Yahshua's day as well, only 3 out of one million Jerusalem believers entered this realm. Do you want to enter this realm? Great! Then start today.

⁹ Obviously the face of the Son, or the Young Man Metatron.