

A People of His Presence...Worship **Exodus 33:14-17~ E. Wayne Drain**

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- Having God's literal presence with us is what separates Christianity from all other religions.
- Keys that help A People of His Presence Worship:
- A Desire For God's Presence
- A conversation between God and Moses – *Exodus 33:14-17*

A Desire For God's Presence

- Presence- "to turn or to turn the face toward."
- A confirmation in the New Testament
 - *John 15:5*
 - *Philippians 4:13*

A Disciplined Lifestyle of Worship

- *2 Chronicles 5:11-14*
- Their work was an expression of their worship.
- Their organization was an expression of their worship.
- The truly amazing thing was God's taking pleasure in their desire & their discipline to work and prepare to praise.
- *II Chron. 7:1*
 - we view worship as a lifestyle.
 - Worship was never meant to be a spectator sport!

A Difference Between Old & New Covenant Worship

- *The Holy Spirit is the key*
- Israelite worship first centered around the temple, which was God's chosen dwelling place.
- The most holy place contained the Ark of the Covenant.
- *John 16:5-15* Jesus' promised His disciples that He would send a counselor—the Holy Spirit
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- Here's what happened:
- *Acts 2* the early church "*prayed and worshipped continually*" as part of their lifestyle. "*while they were worshipping, God came to dwell, not just AMONG His people, but IN His people, through the Holy Spirit!*"
- From that day forward till this, it is the believer in Jesus who is the temple—the very dwelling place of God!
- If you are filled with God's Holy Spirit you are a carrier of the very presence of God."
- What does all this mean? We bring Him more than a song!

- Our worship today should be more powerful than in the time of Moses, David or Solomon!
- We no longer have to depend on externals.
- Our worship of Jesus should embrace every area of our lives.

How Can We Get in on This?

- Hebrews 3:1-6 says Jesus is worthy of greater honor than Moses!
- Col. 1:26-27
- John 4:23,
- **WE'RE IN THAT TIME!**

- As we move from a desire for His presence to the discipline it requires of us, we will find a realm of delight reserved for those who know and love Jesus. Psalm 16:11
- Psalm 100:1-5 shows us the way into God's presence.
- There are no short cuts.
- **JESUS IS THE DOOR—THE WAY INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD.**