

# Living in God's Presence

## James 4



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of God's Presence:

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## **Jeremiah 23:23-24**

“Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him? Do not I fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord.”



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of God's Presence:

- God's *Universal* presence
- God's *Manifest* Presence
- God's *Cultivated* Presence



## **Zechariah 1:3**

“Therefore tell the people:  
This is what the Lord says:  
‘Return to me, and I will return to you.’”





## Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.



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## Hebrews 13:5-6

. . . God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.”





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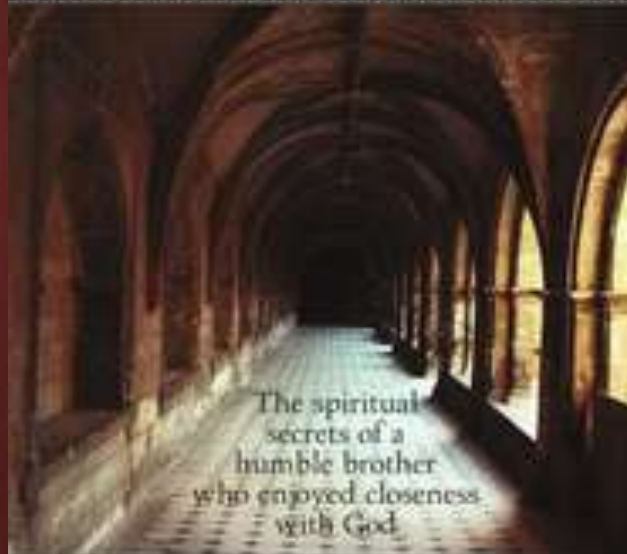


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I walk before God simply, in faith, with humility and with love; and I apply myself diligently to do nothing and think nothing which may displease Him ... and this without any other view than purely for the love of Him, and because He deserves infinitely more.



We ought not to grow tired of doing  
little things for the love of God,  
who regards not the greatness of  
the work, but the love with which it  
is performed.





How can we pray to Him without being with Him? How can we be with Him without thinking of Him often? And how can we think of Him but by a holy habit we should form of it?



God does not ask much of us. But remembering Him, praising Him, asking for His grace, offering Him your troubles, or thanking Him for what He has given you will console you all the time ... lift up your heart ... little remembrances please Him.



There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful, than that of a continual conversation with God; those only can comprehend it who practice and experience it.

The Practice of the Presence of God  
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1. Begin your day with prayer and God's Word.
2. Pick a Scripture Verse or a "God-ward" affirmation that you can repeat in prayer through the day.
  - Psalm 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation.
  - Psalm 46:1 God is my refuge and strength.
  - Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ
  - 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;
3. Put reminders in conspicuous places.
4. Build margins of time into your schedule.
5. Acknowledge God before, during and after each task.
6. Use the difficulties of your day to draw you to Christ.





Nothing we do is too  
ordinary or too boring for  
God. He delights in us, not  
because we are  
entertaining, but because  
we are His.

