

## THE PRESENCE

- Word of the Lord for **2024: A Year of the Presence of the Lord.** *It's a year for God's people to become God's shadow and only move when he moves and stay still when he's staying still. The world around you will get darker, more fearful, and more confusing in 2024. There will be events that will shatter the confidence of some and throw entire man-made systems into chaos. But those who have anchored their life in the presence of the Lord will not only survive the dark times, but they will thrive in the dark times and others will look to you for consolation and direction. Practice my presence daily and throughout each day. Long for my presence like you long for oxygen to breathe. Gather together with others who esteem my presence and separate yourself from intimate connections with those who dishonor my presence. The gulf is widening, and the glory is necessary in order for you to know how to take steps of victory. The decision is yours. Choose today and every day. Blessing, presence, wisdom, favor, healing, prosperity, protection, and all that heaven has in store for you. Or struggle, carnality, personal preference, worldly insight, public opinion, and all that Satan wants to throw your way.*
- **Psalm 16:11 (NKJV)** – *You will show me the path of life; In YOUR PRESENCE IS FULLNESS of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*
- Every answer we need awaits us in the presence of God and He desires to FILL US UP.
- **John 10:10 (AMP)** – *The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life and have it in abundance [TO THE FULL, TILL IT OVERFLOWS].*
- God wants to fill our lives with every promise Jesus paid for.
- **PROBLEM:** *God can't fill us with more of Him if we're already at capacity with the clutter of the world.*
- **SOLUTION:** *We must empty out in 2023, so God has room to fill us up in 2024.*

### Introduction – In His Presence

- *The darkest days are past, and things are going to start to brighten up.* But that is for those who decide now to abide in that secret place with God and allow the light of His presence to shine through us.
- **Exodus 10:21 – 23 (AMP)** *Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward the sky, so that darkness may come over the land of Egypt, a darkness which [is so awful that it] may be felt.”<sup>22</sup> So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and for three days a thick darkness was all over the land of Egypt [no sun, no moon, no stars].<sup>23</sup> The Egyptians could not see one another, nor did anyone leave his place for three days, BUT ALL THE ISRAELITES HAD [SUPERNATURAL] LIGHT IN THEIR DWELLINGS.*
- While all the Egyptians were experiencing thick darkness, God's people had **supernatural** light.
- **Matthew 5:13 – 15 (GNT)** *“You are like SALT for the whole human race. But if salt loses its saltiness, there is no way to make it salty again. It has become worthless, so it is thrown out and people trample on it.<sup>14</sup> “You are like LIGHT for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.<sup>15</sup> No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead, it is put on the lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house.*
- **QUOTE:** *God is positioning His people to show forth His glory, His power, His anointing, and His provision to a world that is running out of answers.*

### Four Things You Can Expect in God's Presence

#### 1. Be Led by His Presence

- **Exodus 33:14, 15 (NIV)** – *The Lord replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”  
15 Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.*
- **QUOTE:** *Let’s commit to listen to God in 2024, so we won’t spend 2025 recovering from having tuned Him out.*

## **2. Be Healed in His Presence**

- **Luke 6:18 (NCV)** – *They all came to hear Jesus teach and to be healed of their sicknesses, and he healed those who were troubled by evil spirits.*
- Whenever people got into Jesus’s presence, they not only got a word...they got healed.
- Jesus wants to heal us!

## **3. Be Empowered by His Presence**

- The presence of God validates our authority.
- The world needs to see God’s power on display. No more theories. No more debates. Just JESUS!!

## **4. Be Prospered in His Presence**