

God's Manifest Presence

Sunday Morning, September 10, 2017

Exodus 33: 1 – 3

These scriptures are frightening because God gave the children of Israel His protection, provision, and His promise, but not His _____.

There are four things that will rob us of God's manifested presence in our lives and that are the archenemies of worship and enjoying God's presence.

1. Direct _____

Exodus 32: 7 - 8

I John 4:13

Romans 8:16

When we _____ in or walk with Him, we're very _____ of His Spirit in our lives.

When we willingly and knowingly _____ God, we _____ the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:30

When we grieve the Holy Spirit, we then _____ the Holy Spirit.

I Thessalonians 5:19

"We grieve the Holy Spirit by what we do to Him. We quench the Holy Spirit by what we refuse to let Him do through us."

James Merritt, a Pastor and former President for our National Southern Baptist Convention

2. Divided _____

Exodus 32:4

An _____ or something that divides our devotion to God is anything we love more, fear more, serve more, and trust more than God.

These are some questions to ask yourself to help you determine if you have idols:

1. Is there anyone or anything that takes precedence over God in your life?
2. Is there anyone or anything that is a greater controlling factor of your behavior than God?
3. Is there a relationship that means more to you?
4. Is there a treasure that means more to you?
5. Is there anything that gets more of your attention than God?

3. Displaced _____

Exodus 32: 7 - 8

When God gives us a _____ and we give the _____ to someone or something else, we then _____ upon that other person or thing rather than God; and we lose the presence of God in our lives.

Hebrews 13:5

God will never _____ or forsake us. His presence in our souls is always there. However, the awareness of His presence in our lives will be _____ and spiritually stark.

4. Determined _____

Exodus 32:9

“Stiff necked” is the opposite of being _____ and _____.

These are some questions to ask yourself to help you evaluate whether you are meek and pliable with the Lord:

1. Is there someone God has laid on your heart to witness to, but you haven't witnessed to that person?
2. Has God given us an impulse to serve in a specific capacity, but we have refused?
3. Has God laid something on our heart that He wants us to give?
4. Has God laid someone on our heart with whom we need to apologize to and to reconcile?
5. Has God been telling us that there's a wrong relationship in our life that we need to break off?
6. Has God called us into missions or full-time Christian service?

Exodus 33:15

Like Moses we must **not** _____ for anything _____ than God's manifest presence in our lives.

To counter the four things that rob us of God's manifest presence in our lives, we have four things that we can do to have a full awareness of God's presence:

1. Be _____ to God.
2. Be _____ to God.
3. Be _____ on God alone.
4. Be _____ to God's leading in your life.