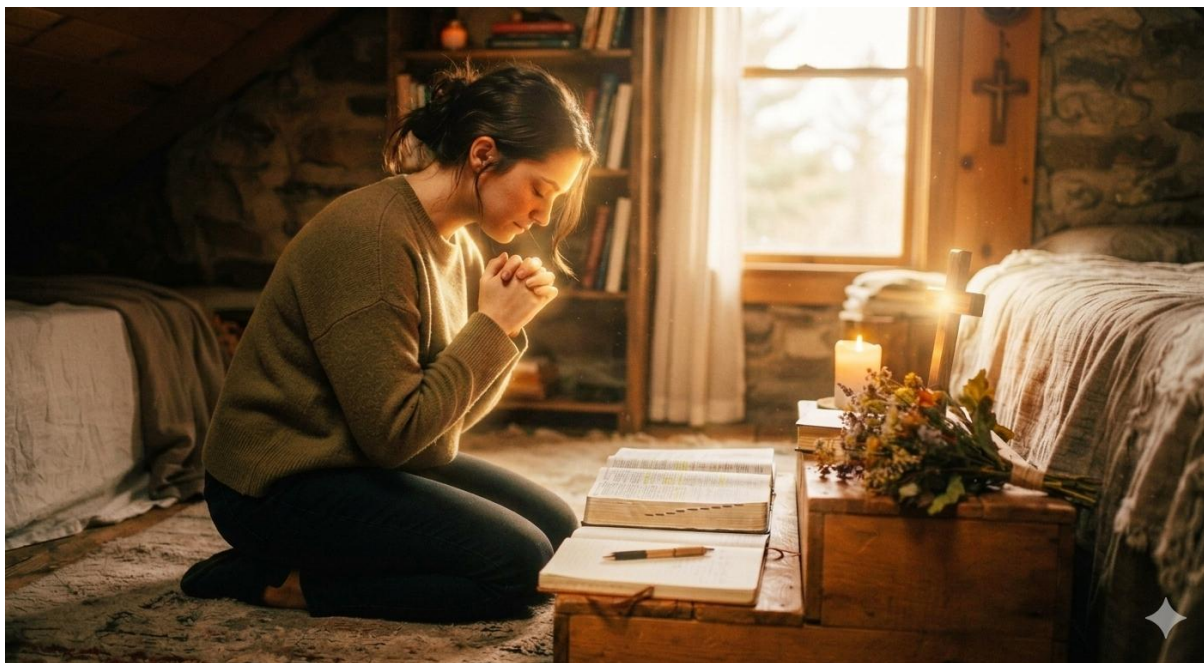


# Do you Value the Secret Place?



## Introduction: The Invitation to the Secret Place

The concept of the "Secret Place" is not just a poetic metaphor; it is a vital, transformative reality for every believer. It is the designated time and space where we meet with the Almighty, away from the noise and distractions of a fallen world. This study explores the profound depth of what it means to dwell in God's presence and the immense blessings that flow from a life lived in communion with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

## Chapter 1: Defining the Secret Place

The "secret place" is defined as a designated time and space for meeting with God, away from the distractions of the fallen world. It is a vital, transformative reality where believers commune with the Almighty.

The concept is characterized by the following:

- **Communion with the King:** I invite you to see the secret place as a conversation with the King of Glory, where divine ideas are gently relayed to your heart.
- **The Prayer Closet (Matthew 6:6):** I encourage you to find your specific, intimate setting where you can communicate with your Father, who sees you in secret and responds with love.
- **Psalm 91 Connection:** I invite you to explore how dwelling in His presence provides a blessed refuge and protection, where God Himself stands as a shield for your soul.
- **Flexibility in Form:** I encourage you to remember that while an altar is beautiful, your secret place can be as simple as a morning walk; the heart of the matter is simply keeping your appointment with Him.

## Chapter 2: The Heart of Communion

*I invite you to consider how you value the meeting place with the Holy Spirit and the precious talks you have with God. I encourage you to reflect on the beautiful reality that you have personal access to the God who created all things, delivered His own from lions, opened the Red Sea, and raised Jesus from the dead—the same God who carries the salvation of the world on His heart.*

**Take a minute and read Psalms 91.**

***1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High  
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.  
2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress;  
My God, in Him I will trust."  
3 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
And from the perilous pestilence.  
4 He shall cover you with His feathers,  
And under His wings you shall take refuge;  
His truth shall be your shield and buckler.  
5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,  
Nor of the arrow that flies by day,  
6 Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness,  
Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.  
7 A thousand may fall at your side,  
And ten thousand at your right hand;  
But it shall not come near you.***

**8 Only with your eyes shall you look,  
 And see the reward of the wicked.  
 9 Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge,  
 Even the Most High, your dwelling place,  
 10 No evil shall befall you,  
 Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;  
 11 For He shall give His angels charge over you,  
 To keep you in all your ways.  
 12 In their hands they shall bear you up,  
 Lest you dash your foot against a stone.  
 13 You shall not tread upon the lion and the cobra,  
 The young lion and the serpent you shall not trample underfoot.  
 14 "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;  
 I will set him on high, because he has known My name.  
 15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;  
 I will be with him in trouble;  
 I will deliver him and honor him.  
 16 With him long life I will satisfy him,  
 And show him My salvation."**

Doesn't it amaze you what God will do for the one who dwells in the secret place? God does so much for those who dwell in His presence. He provides a blessed place for those who make it a priority to spend time with Him. The secret place with God is a time when Divine ideas are relayed to your heart. **Being in the secret place with God is conversing with the King of Glory!** It should be dignified. It should be valued. Recognize with whom you are conversing. You're talking to the one who can change everything in one minute. He is the one who can open up blessings in your life for the rest of your life. He is the one who has no lack. He is the one who heals sickness in one moment. He is the one who with one word can change a wayward heart. He is the one with whom you have received favor. The King can change everything with His word and you have His ear!

**Communication with God is essential as we do His work in this adversarial world.** We are in world that is fallen. We are encountering evil. We are dealing with people God wants to save. We are His representative in this earth. We need His wisdom and involvement in all we do. Prayer has a simple definition. Prayer is a conversation with God. God speaks to us in many ways. Sometimes it is audible. Sometimes it is an impression in your spirit. Sometimes it is feeling His presence. Sometimes God speaks to us through an opportunity. Think about David and Goliath. The bible never says God told David to kill Goliath. It was an opportunity that David seized upon that gave him many benefits for advancing his life and the nation of Israel. Also the widow woman that fed Elijah never states that God told her to feed Elijah yet she saw the opportunity and when she fed Elijah she was blessed with flour that never ran out. So she fed a man of God a meal and she ate for the rest of her life! Wow! What a return!

*The secret place is the place you set aside to meet with God. It can be very detailed such as having an altar, nice décor, etc. Or it can be a walk by the ocean every morning. Your secret place with God is very valuable. Make an appointment with God every day and keep it! Don't get too regimented in how much time you spend there as to feeling your conversation with God was received and your heart was impressed by God's presence.*

## Chapter 3: Thirteen Reasons to Spend Time with God

1. **Your God consciousness increases** - Anyone who comes to God must believe that He is. Hebrews 11:6.
2. **Forgiveness of sins can be obtained.** In His presence, we find the mercy and grace that washes us clean and restores our fellowship.
3. **Your heart is synced with God's heart.** Paul was going to Asia but God interrupted him and redirected him to Macedonia.
4. **Your weaknesses die.** Just think if Samson had been with God in the secret place instead of on Delilah's lap. That story would have turned out so much better! Judges 16.
5. **God can give you wisdom for battles you're facing.** Like a commander looking at the big screen God sees our battles. We are in the middle and cannot see the big picture at times. If you communicate with your commander, he can give perspective and wisdom that you may be lacking.
6. **Your strength can be renewed.** Isaiah 40:31 – There is nothing like God's presence. It reenergizes you. It heals you. It will restore you. God gives us that supernatural power that will sustain us for the battle.
7. **Hopes are reignited and dreams are revived in God's presence.** God reminded Abraham many times about the dream of being a father of many nations. Every time we see God meeting with Abraham we see God laying out the vision again for Abraham of God's plan for his life. Some days we may take a hit. It may seem that our dreams are lost. One moment in God's presence and the vision will be clear again.
8. **God can reveal secrets of heart.** God will reveal things to you concerning people with whom you are working. Sometimes you may be moving towards a decision that could detriment your ministry or put you in a painful scenario. The Holy Spirit may warn you of things you do not see.
9. **God can reveal scenarios, events, purposes to you.** Abraham – God revealed what was happening in Sodom and Gomorrah. Some of my greatest experiences with God have included a revelation about a coming event.

Abraham was warned about Sodom and Gomorrah, and God still reveals coming events today. I once had a prophetic dream where I decisively fielded a hard-hit baseball at first base. That same morning, I was contacted by someone with a history of manipulation asking for church funds. Recalling the dream, I immediately sensed God's warning to stop the situation before being drawn into their game. I chose to be temporarily unpopular with the board rather than compromise our church's witness. God's wisdom provided clarity and protection when I needed it most.

**10. Healings can happen in God's presence.** When you're in God's presence anything that Jesus did in the New Testament can happen. Jesus healed the leper, the blind man, raised the dead, and so much more. When you feel and know you're in God's presence, believe for those miracles!

**11. God can correct you if you are in error or in folly.** If we will come to God with a heart that can be instructed He can help us adjust a wrong perspective. I believe this is how God wants to deal with us the most. This adjustment in God's presence can help avoid so many painful situations. As we grow we can learn to be adjusted in God's presence instead of in our painful reaping of the harvest of wrong choices.

Ask God today if there is anything that you are not recognizing. Ask the Holy Spirit if there is anything He would like to share with you. Ask the Holy Spirit if there is a blind spot in your life that He wants to reveal. This can be so powerful. One instance in my life was my anger about a situation. I was very upset and every time I thought about the person and the situation I would rise in anger. As I took it to God I learned that the person was not doing what they were doing on purpose. They were very naive to the things they were doing and were causing. When the Holy Spirit taught me this I was able to forgive and look at the challenge with a fresh perspective.

**12. God can give you strategies for prosperity.** We know God's greatest desire is for us to prosper. III John verse 2 states this for us. God can give ideas and wisdom about your financial life. Ask God to help you in your finances.

**13. Your boldness and confidence is strengthened.** I believe David's response to Goliath was indicative of David's time in God's presence compared to the other Israelites who were not in God's presence worshipping Jehovah. Look at David come into that situation with clarity and boldness. He had experienced God's presence and strength that comes from Knowing God!

One last story I will share with you in closing this lesson. A few months ago I heard my cousin praying in his room. He has come to live with us and work with the youth at our

church. He was praying and I could hear him. It was in the afternoon. All of the sudden his door opened wide and he walked out. He looked and felt like superman. He stated that he was charged by God's presence. I have noticed this in my life and many others lives. The presence of God will charge you! The presence of God will transform you! The presence of God will make you powerful against your foes! We are people of God's presence! May you see the blessings of God's presence on your life every day from now on!

## Chapter 4: The Benefits of Spending Time in the Secret Place

### What happens in the secret place?

Psalm 91 talks about many benefits of the secret place. Jesus talked about the secret place. Jesus talked about entering your prayer closet. Matthew 6:6.

While the reasons to visit the secret place are many, the transformational experiences that occur once you are there are even greater.

1. **Fear dies and faith is encouraged** – David and brothers are warriors, what's the difference? David spent time in God's presence. Psalm 62:5.
2. **God's heart is revealed** to you – You find out what is on God's heart.
3. **Repentance that results in Exchanging** – We can exchange our guilt for sin for Christ's forgiveness, our failure for His victory, and more.
4. **Confusion is overcome** with clarity. Philippians 4:7.
5. **God's heart for you is revealed.** Ephesians 1, 2, 3, etc.
6. **Anointing is given for the tasks ahead.** Psalm 92 – fresh oil.
7. **Stumbling blocks are removed.** Isaiah 58.
8. **Death to your carnal nature and life to your Spirit man.** David said my cup runs over. Psalm 23.
9. **God will see and Reward You** – Matthew 6:6, 18 - Get a revelation that God is the one you need to be communicating with. God is the one who will see and respond.

10. **Peace is obtained**- Don't be anxious about anything, but by prayer and supplication letting your requests be made known to God. Phil 4:8.

11. **Your weaknesses die** – Isaiah 40:31.

12. **Your strength is renewed** – Isaiah 40:31.

13. **Doubt is removed** – Peter after Pentecost Acts 2.

14. **Memorials are made**. God's presence comes and changes you. Romans 8.

15. **Heart issues are dealt with**. Sometimes we are shown our folly or our shortcomings. God will deal with us but it's not to crush us but to bring us to Him for forgiveness and recalibration.

16. **God puts His face against your enemies** – God becomes your protector! Psalm 91 tells all about it. He takes on your cause as you take on His cause.

17. **God gives you love for difficult people**. Romans 5:5 – Some people are hard to love and hard to deal with. In God's presence He will give you love for those who are sandpaper people.

## Chapter 5: Stay in God's Presence

Stay in God's presence long enough:

1. **For your fears to die and faith to be ignited** - 2 Timothy 1:7: "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."
2. **For your understanding to be deepened and enlightened** - Ephesians 1:17-18: "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,"
3. **For your heart to truly feel connected to God** - James 4:8: "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded."
4. **For your love and compassion to be stirred** - Romans 5:5: "Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."
5. For wounds and pain in your soul to be healed - Psalm 147:3: "He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds."

6. **For your hope to be renewed. High Hopes revived** - Romans 15:13: "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."
7. **For flaws in your plan to be revealed** - Proverbs 16:9: "A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps."
8. **For clarity to come on the timing and details of your next step** - Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths."
9. **For a release of anxiety - roll your cares on Him** - 1 Peter 5:7: "casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."
10. **For the Conquering Spirit of Christ to rise up strong in you** - Romans 8:37: "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."
11. **For the joy to come back to places where frustration has entered** - Psalm 16:11: "You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."
12. **Till you sense God has shown up with His Anointing that helps** - Isaiah 10:27: "It shall come to pass in that day That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, And his yoke from your neck, And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil."

## **Conclusion: Living as People of His Presence**

Valuing the secret place with God is the single most important priority in a believer's life. As we have seen, this sacred time is where fears die, strength is renewed, and strategies for prosperity are revealed. It is where we are transformed from ordinary people into representatives of the King of Glory, charged with His power and filled with His peace. May you make the appointment with God every day and discover that in His presence, everything truly changes.