

God's Presence In Our Lives

Part 2

In our previous section we spoke that God's presence at the time of Moses was in the mid of His people represented with the ark of covenant and the mercy seat where God was seated on the throne and leading His people in the way of righteousness as He was moving and leading them in the way that He wants to move. The Lord was communicating with His people from the Ark of the Covenant and the mercy seat through Moses, **"21 And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. 22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel."** (Exodus 25:21-22)

Furthermore inside the Ark of the Covenant and the mercy seat three more things are associated with God's presence **"and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which was a golden pot holding the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant."** (Hebrews 9:4) Therefore the following are the things that associated with God's presence:

- 1- **A golden pot holding the manna.**
- 2- **Aaron's rod that budded.**
- 3- **The tables of the covenant.**

When we speak about God's presence we cannot put aside the above elements from our lives. Some people they say that Jesus in my heart but they are not observing the things that Jesus want them to observe:

1- The tables of the covenant: "1 The LORD said to Moses, 'Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. 2 Be ready in the morning, and then come up on Mount Sinai. Present yourself to me there on top of the mountain. 3 No one is to come with you or be seen anywhere on the mountain; not even the flocks and herds may graze in front of the mountain.'" 4 So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the LORD had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands. 5 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. 6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, 'The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, 7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.'" 8 Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. 9 "O Lord, if I have found favor in your eyes," he said, "then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance." 10 Then the LORD said: "I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the LORD, will do for you. 11 Obey what I command you today. I will drive out before you the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 12 Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land where you are going, or they will be a snare among you. 13 Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and cut down their Asherah poles. 14 Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God." (Exodus 34:1-14) These tablets are what are known now as the commandments of God's word that God wrote on the tablets that Moses chiselled out. And these

are the tables of the covenant between God and His people. For you today is the word of God that is in the bible that you need to read, meditate and obey so the Lord will bring to you what He promised to do in His word.

Moses asked the Lord that He will go with them as you can read in verse **"12 Moses said to the LORD, 'You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' 13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.'" 14 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. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" 17 And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." (Exodus 33:12-17)** Moses was asking the lord that His presence will be with them because Moses knew that without God being with them they cannot do anything. You cannot go in life without God's presence in your life. And to keep God's presence in your life (that He will walk with you) will happen when you will abide with His word and walk with Him. The Lord promised His people that He will drive out the people of the land and make them inhabit it.

The Lord when He went down to meet Moses He proclaimed the following: **"6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, 7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation."** (Exodus 34:6-7) So our God is a God of love but He is also a God of justice. He will show love and compassion and He will also exercise judgment in dealing with sin.

"10 Then the LORD said: "I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the LORD, will do for you." (Exodus 34:10) The Lord will do all that for you and for this reason He wants you to abide and live in obedience to His word, **"11 Obey what I command you today. I will drive out before you the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites." (Exodus 34:11)** Big part of your obedience to God's word is that you will not go along the people of the world and follow their example and way of life. If you live in worldliness and keep friends and do the same sins of those who do not believe in Jesus and follow Him then you will not have God's presence in your life. Therefore **"12 Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land where you are going, or they will be a snare among you. 13 Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and cut down their Asherah poles. 14 Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God." (Exodus 34:12-14)**

My dear and beloved: "Moses was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights without eating bread or drinking water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant--the Ten Commandments." (Exodus 34:28) "And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy seat above upon the ark: The Lord said to Moses." (Exodus 40:20) To keep God's presence in your life, then keep your covenant with Him and abide with His word as you agree to pray. **My Prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the Cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for explaining to me your ways. Lord I commit myself to abide with your word and to keep your covenant. Lord help me, and support me and sustain me to do that, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*