

# GOD'S MANIFESTED PRESENCE

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*I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger. [Jeremiah 4:26]*

*Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?  
[Jeremiah 5:22]*

*And he said, My presence shall go with thee,  
and I will give thee rest.  
And he said unto him,  
If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.  
[Exodus 33:14-15]*

I want to share with you my thoughts and some experiences I've had about the Presence of God.

I truly believe we are at the threshold of a great move of God. Many of us have preached for years that there is much more to being a Christian than going to church, feeling secure in our salvation, paying our tithes, and looking religious.

As every Bible student knows, God is Omnipresent. He is everywhere at the same time.

Our astronauts have rocketed to the moon and have spent a great deal of time in our Space Station that circles the

earth. God is there in space. If it were possible for man to go to the outer reaches of the universe, there is no doubt in my mind, he would find God there.

King David said, *"For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there"* [Psalms 139:4-8].

You can't escape Him, He fills all things, both Heaven and the earth! *"Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?"* [Isaiah 66:1]

We serve a Big God, His Presence is truly everywhere! But, His Presence is not always manifested or revealed.

*"Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual"* [1Corinthians 15:46]. When reading the Bible, we should keep this in mind: the Old Testament is natural, the New Testament is spiritual. There is a natural Israel, but there is also a spiritual Israel. I believe we can also understand a lot about spiritual things by looking at the natural surroundings in which we exist.

To fully understand the presence and manifestation of God we must consider that the natural world in which we live consists of two worlds. One is visible and the other invisible. Let me explain it this way. We dwell in the physical. We have five senses: taste, touch, smell, hear and feel. We certainly have little trouble understanding that. However there are forces all around us that are manifested every day in our lives. These forces are controlled by natural means. Passing

through buildings and your body as well are voices transmitted by radio frequencies. Images are passing through us by television and cell phone transmissions. GPS signals are tracking every move you make outside or inside of buildings. We cannot see these things but we experience the manifestation of all these things every day! They are unseen, but real! Wireless electricity has been a novelty invention but may eventually be used to power our homes and vehicles. Can you imagine electricity passing through you but not harming you? Our modern natural world is filled with wonder and amazement.

Acknowledging we experience the visible and invisible natural world every day should help us understand the working of the Holy Spirit. You see there is another invisible world. The world of the Spirit that is always working.

As Christians, we believe our Lord Jesus is not only with us, we believe He is in us. We believe the Holy Spirit dwells with us continually. *"But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit" [1Corinthians 6:17].* We have been joined to the Spirit of God! *"And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" [Ephesians 2:6].* We are sitting in heavenly places right now!

Most people have a perverted understanding of God. Some picture God as an old man with a white beard sitting on a throne somewhere beyond the milky way. There are self proclaimed prophets today that have prophesied Trump would win the election and be president again. They lied! God didn't speak to them or through them! Some of these men and women actually believe that the election was stolen and God didn't know they were going to steal it! They are still saying Trump is the president. I mean, how stupid can you be?

These false prophets and preachers don't have a revelation of God! God is Eternal! That which is eternal has

neither beginning or end. There is no time in eternity! God is Omnipresent which simply means God is present in all places at all times. God fills all things! He transcends space, time and matter! The Bible says God declared the end from the beginning! God can do that because He is in the beginning and the end all at the same time! He knows all things! He has all power IN HEAVEN and IN EARTH! He is God! To even think Satan could pull anything over on God is not only a stupid thought, it is a sinful thought. If you are watching or listening to any of these false prophets you need to get as far away from them as you can.

Settle this in your heart! God is everywhere; existing yesterday, today and tomorrow all at the same time. You may not feel or see Him, but He's there continually.

After a really good church service, have you ever heard someone say, "Boy, the preacher was sure anointed tonight, did you feel it?" Have you ever entered a church or revival meeting and distinctly feel a presence there? Have you ever felt a sensation of His Presence as someone spoke to you about a divine miracle, dream or vision they had witnessed?

Of course you have, we all have! But if God is everywhere, why do we only feel or see the results of His presence at certain times? Many times over the years I have separated myself for a time of fasting and prayer. During those times I knew God was with me but most times I couldn't feel His presence! I believed He was in me, so why couldn't I feel His presence as I did in the meetings, and at other special times? Why can't I feel Him all the time?

After a particularly powerful prophetic message in one of my meetings a brother came up to me and said, "My, you sure was anointed! The Presence of God was everywhere!" That particular utterance was a tremendous Word and I had never felt anything like it before. The Prophetic Word that came forth that evening was straight from God. It shook me and all those that heard it. The Word that came said, "seven

ministers in that town would die before my tent came down and also a great storm would wreck havoc to the town." This all came to pass before we left that area.

Brother, when that Word came the Presence of God was so strong it seemed you could cut it with a knife. It was powerful! God's Presence was manifested!

Sometimes in the meetings, I would just preach my heart out. I have always tried to build people's faith to believe God for whatever their need was. "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God," I would say. "Have faith in God! Only believe." Then, it would come time to pray for the needs of the people. Honestly, most times perhaps two or three out of a hundred receive what they came for. Was it their faith or my faith that gave them the deliverance they sought for? Was it the majority's lack of faith, or my lack of faith that they didn't receive what they needed? This always troubled me.

Throughout the years I have learned that without the Manifested Presence of God very little ever happens. Faith works! I know it does. It can move mountains. But few it seems understand that our faith must always be in what God will do, not in what we can do through our faith. There is a huge difference.

Lord, increase our faith! But what are we asking God to increase our faith in? In Him? No, we all believe He is God and there is nothing too hard for Him. In us? No, we are like our Lord in this respect; we can do nothing of our own selves. In what then? I believe we must ask God to increase our faith to believe that He will Manifest or Reveal His Divine Presence. When God's Presence is Manifested nothing can stand before it. Men and women will be saved, cancers will shrivel and die, deaf ears will be opened, the dumb will speak, the blind will see, the lame will walk, and the dead will be raised.

I know God is with us! Where two or three are

gathered in His Name, He promised to be in the midst, and I know He is there in the midst of even the smallest gathering of His people. And although I know His presence is right there with us, it is not always Manifested.

I have ministered in meetings where it seemed there was little emotional or feeling of the presence of God. The message seemed dry and there was little break through. The people looked bored at best, and at times it looked to me that they wished they could be anywhere except in the meeting.

But I have seen God do absolutely awesome things in those kinds of meetings! After concluding my message I usually ask if anyone needs prayer. It has been at those times when someone would come forward, and the Glorious Presence of our God would just fill the place. Perhaps only one person would come up for prayer, but the others would sense the Power, and before you knew it, the front would be full of people wanting to be touched by the Glory.

I believe our Lord Jesus walked in this kind of Holy Presence all the time! And, I also believe the time is coming when God's people will also enjoy this continued Manifested Presence.

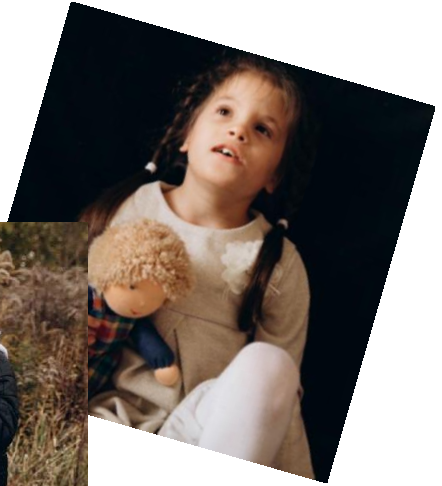
Faith is very important and I want you to understand that without faith, it is impossible to please God. However, I do believe there is something beyond faith. I believe we are being transformed into a dimension where we will actually live in God's Manifested Presence.

*"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" [2 Corinthians 3:18].*

I am being changed! You are being changed! What I was thirty years ago, I am not today. We are being changed into the same image as our Lord, and we are growing from Glory to Glory.

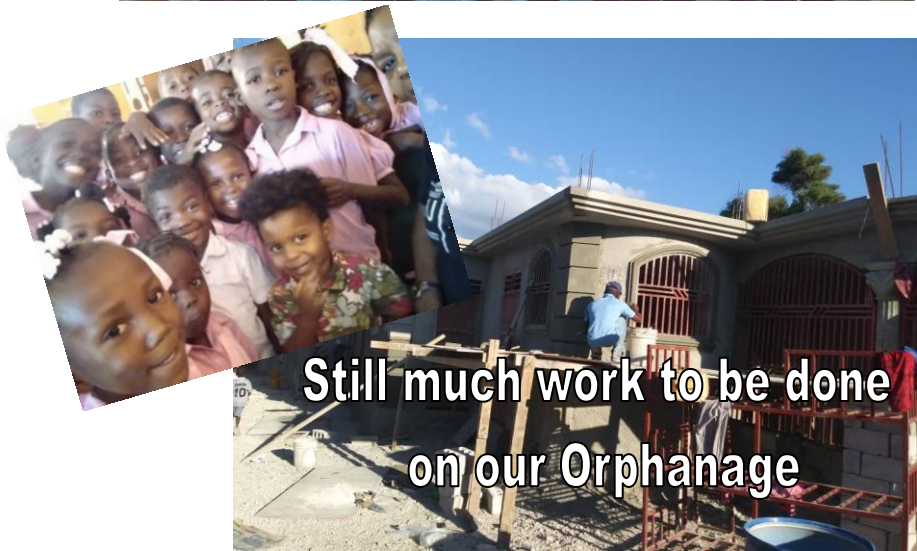
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I do not believe that our Lord operated simply by faith, neither do I believe that He operated by a divine gift. He said, ". . . . . *Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise*" [John 5:19]. And again in John 5:30, Jesus said, "*I can of mine own self do nothing . . . .*" It was the Presence of God the Father in Christ that did the works.

Miracles, signs, wonders, healing followed Jesus wherever He went because wherever He went, God's manifested Presence was in Him.

I believe the Anointing is the manifestation of God's presence and I hope to prove this to you in this message. Look at these two scriptures: "*How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him*" [Acts 10:18]. Now look at Luke 4:18, "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.*" There should be no doubt that the presence of God was with Jesus when He was born and certainly throughout His life but no miracles were performed until He was anointed by God the Father!

When the anointing came, God was suddenly manifested in the life and ministry of Christ! Water was turned into wine, blind eyes were opened, the deaf heard and the dead were raised!

Not only was Jesus anointed by God, but the apostles were also anointed. "*Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God*" [2Corinthians 1:21].

Let's look at some unusual manifestations of the anointing in the apostles ministry. Do you realize that God's

Manifested Presence was so great in their lives that it would saturate their garments and linger for great lengths of time? We all know how the woman with an issue of blood touched the hem of our Lord's garment and was healed. However, people were also healed and delivered by simply touching one of the Apostles garments. *"So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them"* [Acts 19:12].

As a matter of fact the very shadow of Peter would heal the sick as he walked by them. Now, you talk about an anointing! Wow!

*"And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one"* [Acts 5:14-16].

Diseases departed from folks! Evil spirits and unclean spirits came out of the people. Was it faith? Or something even greater than faith? This is what we need today! The Glory of God's Presence Manifested to a lost and dying world.

What do you think Peter had to give to the lame man at the gate called Beautiful? Remember, Peter said, *"Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have, give I thee."* Was it Peter's faith that raised the man up? It certainly wasn't the lame man's faith because he had no idea what Peter was talking about! What was it? I believe it was The Manifested Presence of God that healed the lame man. It was the Anointing! I believe Peter sensed the Manifested Presence, and then spoke by faith knowing that God's power was there to perform a miracle.

I have felt it, and I have witnessed what it will do. IT

NEVER FAILS! Let me tell you about just a few things I have personally witnessed.

Years ago I would take my oil cruse with me and I used handkerchiefs for prayer cloths in all my meetings. You don't see it much today but at the time many other ministers were doing the same. During revival meetings I would usually give the handkerchiefs out the last night of the meeting. I remember one particular revival where the Presence of the Lord was Manifested in a great way. As usual, I gave the handkerchiefs I had used out the last night and there were several left over which I packed with my equipment.

The next morning we began our journey back home. We were pulling a camper trailer. My youngest son, Ted, became deathly sick a short time after leaving, and we decided to stay overnight at a camp ground. His fever was so high you could hardly keep your hand on his forehead. We were all praying for him believing God would heal him. Hours passed and he seemed to be worse rather than better. At times his fever was so high he seemed to be delirious and we began to fear for the worse.

I went out of the camper to pray. As I walked back and forth praying for his deliverance I got angry. I said to God, "I don't understand this! I have prayed for all kinds of sickness and diseases and seen you heal them, but now you won't heal my son!" Back and forth I walked, talking to God just like you would talk to anybody. Suddenly, the Lord spoke to me! He said, "Get one of the handkerchiefs." I remember questioning God. "Get my handkerchief? Why? I've laid my hands on him, and have believed with everything in me for his deliverance, what does the handkerchief have to do with it!?"

Again, He said, "Get one of your handkerchiefs." I was desperate! I started going through all our bags and finally found the few handkerchiefs that was left over from the revival. I went back into our camper, and I remember my daughters holding Ted with tears swelling up in their eyes.

He was worse! I took the handkerchief and placed it on Ted. Some of you may not believe this, but God is our witness, and my family knows it to be absolutely true. As soon as that handkerchief touched Ted's body he immediately jumped up, ran back and forth in the camper saying, "I'm healed, the handkerchief did the trick!" Immediately, there was no fever, or evidence that he had ever been deathly sick! Praise God!

Now folks, I had prayed for him in faith believing God would heal him, but my son was not healed. Did I have faith in the handkerchief? Honestly, at that time in my ministry I felt it was more a point of contact for someone to exercise their faith, rather than the Manifested Power of God actually abiding in the cloth. After this experience, I was convinced that the handkerchief was not a mere point of contact, but God's Holy Presence was in that handkerchief ready to Manifest itself. God proved this to me!

There has been many instances of supernatural occurrences in our ministry through anointed handkerchiefs, or what we call "prayer cloths".

There was a Christian lady that had a very abusive sinner man as a husband. She had prayed and prayed for his deliverance but he only got worse. In one of our meetings she asked for a handkerchief, and also if I would pray for her husband's deliverance that he might become a Christian. I told her to place the handkerchief in the pillow case that her husband slept on.

That first night, she testified that her husband tossed and turned all night. The next night, the same thing happened. The next night, he began to toss and turn, and then sat up in the bed, and asked his wife, "What have you done to me?" She replied, "Nothing." This went on and on until it drove the man to seek after God. What was it that was tormenting the man? No doubt in my mind, it was the Anointing, the Manifested Presence of God in that handkerchief!

Once I had an old "prayer robe" I had used that was badly worn. I was going to throw it away but Sister Glenda and I decided to cut it up and use the pieces for prayer cloths. After giving several away, we had a few of them left that we decided to use in one of our revival meetings. I can't remember the exact amount but whatever we had was the very same amount of people that was in the last night of the revival. A few days after we had left the revival we got a call. A sister that was in the meeting had gotten a prayer cloth for her sister. She testified that her sister was in the hospital in a coma. When she placed the prayer cloth on her sister she opened her eyes and came out of the coma! That is a miracle!

I know many of you have probably read about the old time healing evangelist, Smith Wigglesworth. He was walking down the aisle of a train car when suddenly a man that was sitting in the car grabbed Smith Wigglesworth by the hand and said, "Man, you convict me of sin!" What was it? It was The Anointing, The Manifested Presence of Almighty God!

Sometimes in the meetings, I will say to the people, "Hurry, if you need healing or a miracle, get up here now while I am under this anointing!" I say that because I believe there is nothing that cannot be accomplished while that Anointing is there.

Years ago when some of these fantastic things would happen, I thought, maybe an angel was there with me. There are many things we do not understand about the supernatural. All I know, is there are times when His Presence is Manifested greatly.

How long does the Presence of our God remain in a piece of cloth ready to be Manifested? I honestly don't know, but there is a hint to its longevity in the Old Testament. *"And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year. And it*

*came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet" [2 Kings 13:20-21].* I do not know how long it took for the flesh of Elisha to decay, but although Elisha had died, the Presence of God that was upon Elisha remained in his bones ready to be Manifested! As soon as the dead man they were burying touched the bones of Elisha, he came alive. It was like countless others have experienced, it only takes a touch!

When possible we should always follow the examples we find in God's Word. Anointing the sick with oil is Biblical as well as all I have testified of in this article. (See James 5:14-15). I am repairing my old "Oil Cruse" Brother O.O. Crawley made for me back in '75 or '76. I'm getting ready to anoint some prayer cloths with oil again and taking them with me where the Anointing of God will drench them again with the Power of God. It worked then and I know it will work again! I know some of you will laugh at me but I've got the Word of God on my side. *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" [Hebrews 13:8].*

I am convinced by the Word and what I have personally witnessed that the Manifested Presence of God is The Anointing. Here is one more scripture: *"And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing" [Isaiah 10:27].*

When you are bound with chains, yokes and burdens you cannot bear, look for the anointing.

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