

Exodus 33:14

by Chuck Smith

God's presence is promised to those who desire it, and it brings protection, provision, guidance, and rest.

Scripture: Exodus 33:14-15, Psalm 23:1, Matthew 11:28, John 14:6, Hebrews 4:9

Topics: "God's Presence", "Holiness and Devotion"

Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the significance of God's guiding presence in our lives, as illustrated by Moses' plea for God's companionship rather than a mere angel. He highlights that God's presence is promised, valuable, and demands holiness and exclusive devotion to Him. The results of His presence include rest and guidance, both in this life and the next. Smith urges believers to desire God's presence, warning against the folly of living apart from Him and encouraging a heartfelt commitment to not leave without Him. Ultimately, he stresses the importance of choosing to invite God's presence into our lives for true fulfillment and eternal security.

Transcript

"GOD'S GUIDING PRESENCE"

Intro: Moses is interceding for people after golden calf. Verse 2. God promises to send an angel with them to bring them into the land. Moses argues he doesn't want any substitute angel he doesn't know, He wants God.

I. GOD'S PRESENCE IS PROMISED, "MY PRESENCE SHALL GO WITH THEE."

A. The value of His presence.

1. He had protected them.

a. From the pursuing Egyptians.

b. From the attacking Amalikites.

2. He had provided for them.

a. Water for their thirst.

- b. Manna and quail for their hunger.
- 3. He had guided them through trackless wilderness.
- B. The demands of His presence.
 - 1. That they be a holy people, verse 15, so shall we be a separated people from the rest of the world.
 - a. God's grace never excuse for sinful living.
 - b. It gives the power to live holy.
 - 2. That they serve no other gods.
 - a. He will not share His glory with others.
 - b. You must trust in Jesus alone, "I am the way, the truth..."
- C. The results of His presence, "I will give you rest."
 - 1. He will bring them into the promised land where they shall rest.
 - a. When you die is your soul going to rest? Not if you don't know Jesus.
 - b. Safe in the arms of Jesus, safely my soul shall rest.
 - c. "There is no rest saith the Lord for the wicked..."
 - 2. We experience a rest right now.
 - a. "Come unto Me and I will give you rest."
 - b. First consciousness of the Christian experience.
- II. GOD'S PRESENCE DESIRED (verse 15..
 - A. If you don't go neither am I. I'm not going without you.
 - 1. How foolish to try to live apart from God.
 - a. Inviting disaster.
 - 2. I wouldn't want to cross the street without Him.
 - B. To experience God's presence you must desire it.
 - 1. "The Lord is with you while you'll be with Him..."
 - 2. God will not force Himself on you.

- a. He has given you the capacity of choice.
 - b. He respects your choice.
 - c. He will never barge His way into your life.
- 1. There will come a day when you'll wish He had.
- C. The wisest thing you could say today. "Lord I'm not leaving here without you."
- 1. Do you really want a Christless life?
 - 2. Dare you gamble with your soul when the stakes are so high?
 - 3. A Christless life means a Christless eternity.

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