



# RCCG OCEANIA

Holy Spirit & Power

## TRANSFORMATION THROUGH GOD'S PRESENCE

### AT A GLANCE

#### BIG IDEA

Discover the transformative power of God's presence, which surpasses mere existence and brings true life. Through biblical examples and teachings, learn how engaging with God's presence through worship, prayer, and seeking His light and fire can lead to spiritual growth and purification.

#### PRIMARY PASSAGES

John 17:3

1 Timothy 5:6

Exodus 33

Psalms 18

Genesis 1:26

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Knowing God and Jesus is the essence of eternal life.
- Without God's presence, life lacks true meaning and vitality.
- God's presence brings transformation and purification.
- Fire from God's presence signifies judgment and intensity.
- Engaging with God's presence involves worship, prayer, and seeking His light.

## INTRODUCTION

The presence of God is not just a comforting idea but a transformative reality that brings true life and understanding. As we explore the Scriptures, we find that engaging with God's presence leads to spiritual growth and purification, offering a life that is rich in meaning and purpose.

## SCRIPTURE READING

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- **John 17:3** — Jesus defines eternal life as knowing God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.
- **1 Timothy 5:6** — Describes living for pleasure as death, contrasting true life as knowing God.
- **Exodus 33** — Moses requests to see God's glory and presence.
- **Psalms 18** — Illustrates God's power and judgment through fire.
- **Genesis 1:26** — Used to explain that man is made in God's image, reflecting His glory.

## KEY POINTS

1. **THE ESSENCE OF ETERNAL LIFE** — Eternal life is not merely an unending existence but a profound relationship with God and Jesus Christ. This relationship is characterized by knowing and experiencing God's love, wisdom, and power. It is through this knowledge that we find true life, surpassing the mere physical existence.

- Reflect on your personal relationship with God and Jesus.
- Seek to deepen your understanding of God's character through Scripture.
- Pray for a greater revelation of God's presence in your life.

Scripture: John 17:3



## KEY POINTS (CONT.)

2. THE CONSEQUENCE OF IGNORANCE — Living without the knowledge of God is akin to spiritual death. This ignorance leads to a life focused on temporary pleasures, which ultimately lack fulfillment. True life is found in the divine connection with God, which brings purpose and vitality.

- Evaluate areas of your life where you may be seeking fulfillment outside of God.
- Commit to regular times of prayer and reflection to cultivate a deeper connection with God.
- Share with others the importance of knowing God for true life.

Scripture: 1 Timothy 5:6

## KEY POINTS (CONT.)

3. TRANSFORMATION THROUGH PRESENCE — God's presence is transformative, as seen in the life of Moses, who was changed by his encounters with God. This transformation involves purification and a deeper understanding of God's will and purpose for our lives.

- Spend time in worship, inviting God's presence into your life.
- Study the lives of biblical figures who were transformed by God's presence.
- Ask God to reveal areas in your life that need transformation.

Scripture: Exodus 33

## KEY POINTS (CONT.)

4. FIRE AS PURIFICATION AND JUDGMENT — Fire in Scripture often symbolizes God's purification and judgment. It represents His power and authority to cleanse and refine, as well as to judge unrighteousness. Engaging with God's presence involves allowing His purifying fire to work in our lives.

- Reflect on areas in your life that need purification.
- Invite God's refining fire to cleanse your heart and mind.
- Trust in God's righteous judgment and seek to align your life with His will.

Scripture: Psalm 18

## KEY POINTS (CONT.)

**5. ENGAGING WITH GOD'S PRESENCE** — Engaging with God's presence is an active pursuit that involves worship, prayer, and seeking His light for wisdom and authority. This engagement leads to spiritual growth and a deeper understanding of God's purpose for our lives.

- Develop a regular practice of worship and prayer.
- Seek God's wisdom and guidance in all areas of your life.
- Encourage others to pursue God's presence for spiritual growth.

Scripture: **Genesis 1:26**

## GROUP DISCUSSION

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.



## **OBSERVATION**

- What does Jesus define as eternal life in John 17:3?
- How does 1 Timothy 5:6 describe the life of someone living for pleasure?
- What request does Moses make in Exodus 33 regarding God's presence?
- How is God's power and judgment depicted in Psalm 18?
- What does Genesis 1:26 reveal about humanity's relationship with God?

## **INTERPRETATION**

- Why is knowing God and Jesus considered the essence of eternal life?
- How does ignorance of God lead to spiritual death?
- In what ways does God's presence transform individuals?
- What is the significance of fire as a symbol of purification and judgment?
- How can engaging with God's presence lead to spiritual growth?

## APPLICATION

- How can you deepen your relationship with God and Jesus in your daily life?
- What steps can you take to ensure your life is aligned with God's purpose?
- In what ways can you invite God's transformative presence into your life?
- How can you allow God's purifying fire to work in your heart and mind?
- What practices can help you consistently engage with God's presence?

## PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for a deeper revelation of God's presence in your life.
- Ask for God's purifying fire to cleanse and transform your heart.
- Seek to know God and Jesus more intimately for true life.
- Invite God's wisdom and guidance in all areas of your life.

## **NEXT STEP**

Commit to regular worship and prayer, inviting God's transformative presence into your daily life.

## **CONCLUSION**

The presence of God is a powerful force that transforms and purifies, bringing true life and understanding. By engaging with God's presence through worship, prayer, and seeking His light, we can experience spiritual growth and a deeper connection with our Creator. Let us pursue this divine presence with intentionality and openness, allowing it to shape our lives for His glory.