



Most Christians suffer captivity in religion and ignorance about what God is wanting from each of us when it comes to relationship. The few that hear about people that operate in their spiritual senses, who go into God's presence, who hear from God, struggle with how to obtain the same results. So how does one get into the presence of God?

Let's see what God tells us of how to get to Him...

"Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! ² Serve the LORD with gladness; *Come before His presence with singing.* ³ Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. ⁵ For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations." Psalm 100

Here God is telling us in His Word that you **"come before His presence with singing"**. That's pretty plain information. But people would say that they sing hymns or songs in church all the time but they don't see God. Yes, but some do! Where's your heart when you sing... in the song or towards Him?

Next it says, **"enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise"**. Thank and praise Him for all that He has done for you, is doing for you and will do for you! He created you to spend eternity with Him. He wants a personal relationship with you now!

He created all the heavens and universe for you to partake of. Many people focus on the world or their problems or the negatives in life. My Grandma used to say, "Count your blessings everyday".

"Let everything that breathes sing praises to the LORD! Praise the LORD!" Psalm 150:6

There's a great combo... singing praises to God!

So now you're singing praises and thanksgiving to God, what else can you do?

Jesus said, **"But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.⁷ And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words."** Matthew 6:6-7

Jesus spent alone time with Father and talked to Him normally and openly as you do in a relationship with an intimate companion. Open your heart to Him in sadness, in despair, in happiness, in thanksgiving, in praise, in worship... sharing inner thoughts and feelings. Then be still and listen to (also write down) what He says (spiritual hearing), look for what he wants to show you (spiritual eyesight) such as visions, being taken in the spirit even into His presence.

You wouldn't talk briefly to an intimate friend or lover once in a while when you're in trouble or recite some memorized words (prayer), wondering and hoping if they heard you or ignore what they're trying to say to you.

That's not a relationship! What would you expect in return from someone if you treated them like that? Look at God as your closest friend, helper, comforter, and someone that you are deeply in love with, as you know He is with you.

Islam requires praise, worship and thanks to God 5 times per day but they never get into God's presence. They're following some of the requirements God asks for so what's the missing link?

“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus” 1 Timothy 2:5

If anyone is trying to get to God or heaven without acknowledging that Jesus is God and the only atonement for sin and way to Father God, they'll never make the leap into His presence in this world or the next! This includes islamism, buddhism, hinduism, sikhism, baha'ism, shintoism, judaism, kabbalah, mormonism, jehovah witnesses, seventh day adventism, christian science, universalism, scientology, wicca, satanism, humanism, atheism and new age, to name the most prominent.

OK Al, I'm none of those religions and cults, I'm a Christian, and so what else should I be doing?

Besides accepting Jesus as God and Savior, and calling oneself a Christian, a true follower of Christ is obedient to His Truth in His Gospel, especially regarding deliberate sin. Many denominations erect and worship idols, pray to and worship dead people, reject the Holy Spirit gifts/movement, focus on laws, works and doctrines instead of grace, compromise with God's Word, condone deliberate sins (i.e. sexual immorality, unrepentant sinners, occultism, paganism, etc.) People say they're Christian but then they do what they want or what the world or some religion accepts, which is rebellion against God's Truth. We're to have nothing to do with sin, false doctrines or those involved in them.

¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? ¹⁵ And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.” ¹⁷ Therefore “Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.” ¹⁸ “I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty.” 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Notice what God says here, each of us is God's temple... He wants to be in our presence and live in us, but how can He if the temple is corrupt? He says, **“come out from among them... be separate... do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you...”!** If you're corrupting yourself (God's temple) with deliberate, unrepentant sin (what God says sin is, not the world's or some religion's version), worshipping idols (including yourself), yoking yourself with unrighteous people, then you must repent and **“be separate”** to set yourself right for your own salvation, let alone get into God's presence! We go amongst sinners to bring them Jesus, to set them free, to bring them God's Truth, but if they reject us and God's Truth then we leave. We don't build or continue relationships with them or continue to attend disobedient churches. We must be God pleasers, not people or self pleasers! Getting into God's presence requires obedience and surrender to Him.

Jesus said, “And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet.” Matthew 10:14

God also requires that you forgive others to obtain His forgiveness. This is another huge problem in the body of Christ separating them from God. Unforgiveness of others brings upon sickness, evil spirit activity, as well as separation from God.

Jesus said, ¹⁴ “For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:14-15

²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴ God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:23-24

Worship only Father God in spirit and truth. Following all that has already been said here is true worship. Anything less would be lies and hypocrisy! Your spiritual senses will open when you follow God's blueprint for getting into His presence.

Sing to Him, praise Him, thank Him, spend time alone with Him, talk to Him, listen to Him, accept Jesus as God and your only Savior, repent and stop sin, separate yourself from unbelievers, be obedient to His Word, forgive others, worship in spirit and truth.

Humbly do what God asks of you and you will enter into His presence! He doesn't lie!