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Live in His Presence

By Ronda Hurst



"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16).

"Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing" (Psalm 100:2).

There is no place I'd rather be than in the presence of the Lord. Too often we relegate His presence to our church buildings, and that is one of the best places to enter into His presence. There is nothing like a worship service with the saints of the most high.

"As the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever; that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD" (II Chronicles 5:13).

However, I have learned that whenever and wherever I begin to sing praises, the presence of the Lord comes nigh. "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19).

I remember when I was growing up and my mother would always be singing or have good gospel music playing in our home. There was always a peace and joyfulness there. As I look back, I can't help but believe that it had a lot to do with the kind of singing and music that was a constant. I raised my family the same way, and I hear my grown children talking now about how peaceful our home was (and is). You can't go wrong when you lift up the name of Jesus in your home through prayer, reading the Word, and also praise songs.

Even the world understands that singing lifts the spirit. When we are happy and joyful, we sing and dance. How much more should we turn those moments of joy and happiness to praise in front of our children so they grow up knowing and believing that God is the source of our joy and strength.

Sing unto the Lord and let His presence fill your home!

Seeking the Eternal

By Laurie Sims



Have you noticed it? The lurking dissatisfaction? In your children, husband, friends? Maybe even feeling it yourself? Unsettled? Misplaced? Desiring "something" . . . anything! A long vacation. New dress. More Facebook likes. And you have to ask yourself, "What is going on here?"

It's kind of like when you find yourself standing in front of the wide-open fridge pondering what sweet or salty treat will satisfy your craving! Sometimes our bodies are not hungry at all, but very often just craving water.

This deep pull is in our very being. God's Spirit is clearly moving upon our desperate hearts yet so often we do not recognize it for what it is. His Spirit is drawing us to Himself. God places this longing in our hearts, and in Ecclesiastes He reveals the source of that longing.

In Ecclesiastes 3:11 He says, "God has set eternity in the hearts of men." Our hearts long for things of eternal value while all this time we have frantically sought after temporary things. And all this running around is exhausting!

I have good news. God is calling to take us deeper into things our souls really yearn for - calling us to things that have value for eternity.

Let us answer the call - answer and act upon it. Make your prayer time powerful instead of only a regimen of wants and desires. Let the song of your heart be anointed and exalt Him in it.

Matthew 6:33 tells us to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (NKJV).

Seek Him first. Go into His presence which is eternal and where all worldly things we thought

we wanted become shallow and dim compared to the bright and lovely things of God. This is what we really longed for and where we find what our true desires.

"I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart" (Psalm 40:8).

The things we once desired have changed in His presence, and we now desire His ways and His will. We desire for His healing rain to flow over us and cleanse the dusty dissatisfaction from our mind. Wash away the muddy drops of exhaustion from the pretty rainbow chasing and take us back into His peace. Back into His presence. Back into the place our heart, our soul, our mind, really long to be.

I believe the answer is in Jesus. Oh, do enter into His presence once again. He is there waiting.

Note: Laurie Sims, a licensed minister with UPCI, is MaMaw to eight beautiful Grands, former pastor's wife, musician/singer, and a medical librarian at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. She grew up in Southern California but now resides in Kansas City and happily serves Apostolic Lighthouse of Hamilton, Missouri, with her husband Reverend Terry Sims.

Into His Presence

By Erin Rodrigues



"Oh God, we are truly living in a time that I desperately need your wisdom and guidance to teach my children to fully embrace you and your word." It was then a spirit of intercession took over as, during my prayer time, I found myself once again overcome by a sense of urgency in the spirit to protect the hearts and minds of my two young children.

We live in a time where we see a society rapidly proclaiming what is right as wrong and wrong as right. There have been days I have asked God, "How can I protect my children from this? Oh Jesus, how can protect their innocence?" I have found myself wondering at times if it's even safe to send my children out the front door.

While we cannot hide our children from the world, we can be proactive in guarding them through guidance and prayer. *You and I can pray.* We can enter into His presence. As a mother, I have found that is the key to protecting our children. Ephesians 6:10-18 reminds us we aren't fighting against flesh and blood. This is a spiritual battle and, yes, we can intercede for our children, praying for wisdom, protection, peace, and strength.

I remember, as a child, the times my mother closed herself in her room to pray. I sat on the floor outside of her bedroom door and listened as she cried out to God for her five children. There was comfort in knowing mama was entering into the presence of God for us. I felt safe. I felt protected. I felt loved. Only God knows where I would be today if it weren't for my praying mother.

When I think about raising godly children and protecting their innocence, Daniel comes to

mind. Godly character and principals were placed in him as a child. As a young adult, he was surrounded by a wayward culture and yet he didn't fall prey to the seduction. The godly values he learned as a child taught him God was the center and God was in control.

As a mother, my strength and my peace come as I enter into His presence. I know that in the middle of the spiritual storm raging today the Lord is in control and He is the protector of my children.

Note: Erin Rodrigues, together with her husband and their two children serve, as UPCI missionaries to Portugal. They pastor a growing church in the capital region of Lisbon where they teach and train men, women, and families to work for God. Sister Rodrigues also serves as the national ladies president of UPC of Portugal.

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From the Editor



Debbie Akers

God is doing mighty things! God is opening many doors and this newsletter is now available in English, Spanish, French, German, Dutch, Portuguese, Russian, Greek, Arabic, Farsi, Czech, Chinese, Swahili, Hungarian, Tagalog, Indonesian, Romanian, Italian, Norwegian and Polish.

Please help us pray for a Serbian, Bulgarian and Japanese translators.

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From the Mailbox

>Good Morning Sister Akers! Rebecca did a fantastic job on her article! I love to see young people with that kind of passion and desire to work for God! What a breath of fresh air! Of course all of the Ladies Prayer Newsletter articles are always wonderful, I enjoy every one of them and the fact that this newsletter can be shared in so many languages is a blessing that brings us all together! Love in any language...fluently spoken here! Love you my sweet friend! - Laurie Sims

>Dear Sis. Liane Grant, Wow, Wow, Wow! This article came in just in time. (Faith in the Midst of Despair, LPI August 2016) Thank you so much! Reading this article help me to get back on my feet, and start trusting God again and remember to claim "His promises". God just accomplish a great work in me, that will change my days to come in a great way.

You're faithfulness in sending these articles and keeping up with the ladies ministry is greatly appreciated. Thanks to Sis. Warren, Sis. Harding and Sis. Staring and last but not least Sis. Akers :) God bless you, love, Jolie

>To God be the glory. Thanks you for joining me in praying for my son Anthony he has been to church four times since. Still hasn't committed as yet but The Name of Jesus he will God is faithful and just He will never turn from His Words. Much blessings, Sarah Anderson-Murphy

>Dear Sis. Akers, Thank you so much for the hard work that you do in putting these wonderful newsletters together. They are encouraging and uplifting. Would you mind sending it to me in Spanish as well. Our family pastors a Spanish congregation and I'm sure they would really enjoy reading these great letters in their language. Thank you, Ma'am! God bless you for your selfless work! -Sis. Adriana Camp

>I enjoyed this month's articles a lot. And they all had SO MUCH truth and different aspects to desperation. I am happy to hear about your granddaughter: She seems to be sold-out and a true servant, May God continues to keep and bless her mightily! Love you, Sandy Negron, German translator for LPI newsletter

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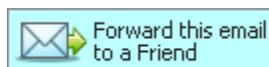
Who we are . . . Since 1999: Ladies Prayer Intl. is made up of women worldwide, who meet on the first Monday of each month to unite in focused prayer for their children and the children of the local church and community.

Our Mission . . . We are committed to the spiritual preservation of this generation and beyond and the spiritual restoration of previous generations.

Our Need . . . Committed women who will join together on the first Monday of each month and pray focused prayer for their children.

Three Priorities of Prayer...

- The salvation of our children (Isaiah 49:25; Psalm 144:12; Isaiah 43:5-6).
- That they take ownership of the faith at an accountable age (I John 2:25-28; James 1:25).
- That they enter into the ministry of the Lord's harvest (Matthew 9:38).





Ministries we support...

TUPELO CHILDREN'S MANSION

Children live in an environment with opportunity to grow spiritually, physically and emotionally.

NEW BEGINNINGS Maternity care for birthmothers considering adoption and child placement for adoptive couples.

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