

God's Reassuring Presence

Psalm 15/16:11- Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. (KJV)

Each day offers opportunities to live and go forth in the presence of the living God. Choices made daily determine if the believer remains firmly in God's presence.

The Lord is ever-present within reach of every person choosing to follow in faith.

The believer's heart, mind and soul determine if the believer embraces God.

Joy results when the believer's choices consistently reflect saying "yes" to God.

Psalm 50/51:11- Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. (KJV)

The Lord God is open to pleas of repentance when a believer has committed sins.

Remaining in God's presence becomes the desired goal when the believer repents.

Fear of being cast away from God's presence can motivate the believer to repent.

Embracing the Lord and experiencing God's presence enables the believer to grow.

Growth in the Lord is intended from Holy Baptism until departure from this life.

Psalm 94/95:2- Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. (KJV)

Living and growing in the Lord's presence includes expressing gratitude to God.

Life in God's presence is balanced when God's goodness is fully appreciated.

Gratitude for God's presence in the heart, mind and soul is reflected in behavior.

Daily expressions of gratitude for God's presence are manifested in relationships.

Showing love in daily relationships emanates from love of God's daily presence.

Psalm 99/100:2- Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. (KJV)

Believers are to be devoid of anger, hostility and rancor when serving the Lord.

The Lord God is a welcoming presence for believers drawing near seeking peace.

Drawing near to the Lord's presence brings peace to the heart, mind and soul.

The Lord's healing presence transforms and renews the desiring believer's life.

Willingness and interest in being renewed in the Lord makes a decided difference.

Psalm 138/139:7- Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? (KJV)

The Lord God is present everywhere believers seek to live, travel and abide.

Valuing the Lord's presence changes the personal outlook of the believer's life.

A person cannot hide from the Lord's presence to commit sin and try to escape.

The Encompassing Lord God is all knowing, all seeing and is everywhere present.

Hearts, minds and souls open to God's presence are filled with peace, love and joy.

Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence, Pope Sixtus and Others.

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