

Living from Heaven 24/7
Love-Impact Manual
Lesson 5

Do you enjoy God's manifest _____? Do you enjoy encountering God in a tangible way that changes your life? One of the amazing privileges of being sons and daughters of God is having _____ access to God's manifest presence. There's really nowhere better to spend time than in His life-changing presence!

The Bible is loaded with amazing _____ with God. One of the most amazing encounters recorded is when Moses encountered God's glory in the book of Exodus, read below...

Exodus 33:11-23

11 So **the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.** And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.

12 Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.'¹³ Now therefore, I pray, **if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight.** And consider that this nation is Your people."

14 And He said, "**My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.**"

15 Then he said to Him, "**If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.**¹⁶ For **how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us?** So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth."

17 So the LORD said to Moses, "**I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name.**"

18 And he said, "**Please, show me Your glory.**"

19 Then He said, "**I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.**"²⁰ But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."²¹ And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and **you shall stand on the rock, and I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.**²² So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that **I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.**²³ Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

Moses had a life-changing encounter with God's _____. What if I told you that as sons and daughters of God, we have continual access to the type of glory that Moses encountered only once in his life? When we became sons and daughters of God, God gave us an open door to glory encounters 24-7!

Here's an important reminder: when you came to faith in Christ, you came into _____ with His death, burial, and resurrection. Everything changed! You became a whole new creation... naturally supernatural!

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!

I have even more exciting news, it didn't stop with our union with Christ's resurrection. When you came into union with Christ, after He rose from the dead, He _____ to heaven and sat down at the right hand of the Father... and so did you. The Bible says that right now, you and I are seated with Christ in _____. I know that might sound a little wild, but look what God's Word says...

Ephesians 2:4-7

4 But God--so rich is He in His mercy! Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us,

5 Even when we were dead (slain) by [our own] shortcomings and trespasses, **He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; [He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for] it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation).**

6 And **He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed one).**

7 **He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in [His] kindness and goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus.**

This is such an amazing revelation! What the Holy Spirit is saying is that when we came to faith in Christ, we came into union with Him: co-crucified, co-buried, co-resurrected... and it didn't stop there! We were _____ and seated with Christ in heavenly places. The Bible calls you and I _____ of heaven, while we are at the same time, citizens of earth... we have dual citizenship right now. It's very important to see this through eyes of faith, because it will activate something inside of you.

You might say "how is it possible that right now I'm seated in heaven?", because you don't feel like you're in heaven right now. It's important to understand that the part of you that is seated with Christ in heavenly places is your _____. The Bible says that we are three-part beings, our spirit man being in the core of who you are. Here's what the apostle Paul says...

1 Thessalonians 5:23

23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your **whole spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A good description of this verse is: you are a spirit, who has a soul, who lives in a body. Your spirit-man is the part of you that is a whole new creature. This is the part of you that is _____ righteous, holy, and looks just like Jesus. It's the part of you that experienced a new birth, a spiritual birth when you came to faith in Christ. Your soul is understood to be your mind, will, and _____. Our soul is what's being renewed and transformed to come into alignment with our spirit-man. Before Christ, our soul was influenced by our sinful nature. When Paul says to be transformed by the renewing of your mind, in Romans 12:2, he's simply speaking of your soul coming into alignment with

your new _____, your spirit-man. When Paul says that we are seated with Christ in heavenly places, he is talking about your spirit-man. It's a good exercise to center-in to your spirit-man, and learn to live out of that place. Your spirit-man is the core of you. He is the part of you that naturally desires righteousness, purity, truth, freedom, and the love.

Right now, as sons and daughters of God, we are seated in heavenly places with Christ. As you begin to believe this truth, encountering God's manifest presence will become a _____ occasion for you. Paul was aware of this reality and exhorted believers to make living from our heavenly position, a _____. Read below...

Colossians 3:1-3

1 IF THEN you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at and seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [Psalms 110:1.]

2 And set your minds and keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth.

3 For [as far as this world is concerned] you have died, and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God.

Paul had a revelation of our union with Christ's death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. He knew the reality that we have as sons and daughters of God, seated in heavenly places, and knew the glory of living from this place!

When I began to _____ how close I already was to God's manifest presence because of my union with Christ, it set me free from _____ and performing to get closer to God. There are many believers trying to pay a price for what they already have. Let's begin to believe what we have in Christ and enjoy it! Let's begin to believe that we are seated in God's manifest presence, and _____ from that place!

As God began to really establish this revelation in my spirit, I was planning to teach on where we're seated in Christ at our monthly Prophetic Training. I was excited, really desiring believers to understand how close they already are to God, making it easy to hear His voice. As I was preparing my message, I heard the Lord say clearly "share with them that they are seated in the _____". After hearing this, I was a little unsure about it. Is the glory realm where I'm seated with Christ? I really wanted to make sure this was Scriptural. Inquiring of the Holy Spirit, immediately I heard "read _____". God always knows what He's doing! Now for starters, shedding more light on being seated with Christ, Christ is seated right next to the Father! This is really good news. Here's Scripture...

Ephesians 1:19-21

19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

What does this mean? It means that we are not only seated with Christ, but we are seated next to the Father. Where is the Father seated? Now, let's read Isaiah 6...

Isaiah 6:1-4

*In the year that King Uzziah died, **I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.**2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.3 And one cried to another and said:*

*"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
The whole earth is full of **His glory!**"*

*4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and **the house was filled with smoke.***

This is glorious revelation! First, we see that the Father is seated in the temple, and so are you, seated with Christ. And what's going on in the temple? God's _____ presence! I want to highlight the portion of Scripture in verse 4, that says "the house was filled with smoke." What is Isaiah speaking about? The Jamieson Faussett and Brown Commentary gives us an excellent explanation...

The portion of Scripture that says "was filled with smoke" is speaking of the Shekinah cloud, the symbol of "the glory of the Lord"

As sons and daughters of God, we are seated with Christ in heavenly places, next to the Father, in the very _____ of His manifest presence. As you begin to believe this reality, you'll see it manifest to and through your life. Let's activate this glory realm in your life! If this is new for you, below is a faith filled prayer welcoming the Holy Spirit to activate this reality. God calls us to "set your minds and keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things of the earth", and He's here to _____ you to do just that. Get ready to _____ and encounter God's tangible, manifest glory on a whole new level! Pray this prayer below...

PRAYER OF ACTIVATION: right now in the name of Jesus, I break agreement with any fear, doubt, or unbelief, that would hinder me from living from heaven's reality. I kick these hindrances out of my life! I agree with Jesus, that when He died on the Cross, I died with Him. When He was buried, I was buried with Him. When He rose from the dead, I rose from the dead with Him, a whole new creature. And when He ascended to sit at the right hand of the Father, I ascended with Him, positioning me in heavenly places right now. Holy Spirit I welcome You to open my eyes to this reality. I welcome You to enable me to enjoy the reality of my spirit-man, right now. In Jesus name, amen. Now take some time and allow the Holy Spirit to minister this reality to you.

God invites us to live from this reality of where we are seated with Him. As His sons and daughters catch this revelation, what ends up happening is heaven is experienced and released as a lifestyle. Encounters become a regular part of life. And people encounter heaven every time they are around us... because we've learned to live there!

As you catch this revelation, it allows you to hear God's voice easier because you know where you're seated... right next to Him. I encourage you, make this a lifestyle!

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus I believe Your word. I believe that as a child of God, I'm seated with You in heavenly places. I want to start living from heaven's reality, more and more and more. Holy Spirit, I welcome You to teach me as Your student to live from heaven 24-7. Teach me to live from heaven in every circumstance: at work, in school, at home, with friends, shopping, etc..

Thank you You Jesus for all You've done for me through Your finished work. I want to enjoy all of the benefits! In Jesus Name, amen.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

What are some of the ways you'd like to encounter heavens reality in your personal life?

What are some of the ways you'd like to see heaven released through your life to people around you?

Are you willing to let go of some earthly ways of thinking and living, to let heavens perspective invade your life?

What's one way you can begin living more heavenly minded on a daily basis?