

THE SECRET PLACE – Part 1

EXODUS 25:1-22

PSALM 91:1-16

MATTHEW 6:1-9

Identify the Secret places

The secret place in the Old Testament times was between the two Cherubs' s on the Ark of the Covenant. It was between these wings, which are called the Mercy seat where God manifested Himself, and where He met with Moses and Israel.

Since the Ark of the Covenant is “gone”. Today we can still enter into that secret place, find refuge, and be strengthening in God, today we call it our closet or Quiet time. The secret place is the place where you go to meet with God, where you spend time with Him and hear from Him to get direction and become refreshed.

What is the Secret, How do we enter in?

Although there is no “special formula” to getting into the secret place, we must realise it starts firstly with accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, as well as a personal Walk / Relationship with God and a desire to “enter in” without these important ingredients it is impossible to meet with a Holy and Just God in the secret place. The bible says “...our sins separate us from God..” and that is the problem if we are not save, our Sin!

We must realise that Jesus did it all to make us righteous and worthy to enter into that secret place with God and then out of an act of our will, we can draw near to God. God has no favourites, He says that , “..Whosoever calls on the Name of the Lord, will be saved...” (**Act 2:21**)

We as His children have to just take/spend time in His presence to enter into that secret place. Also remember that time is not important. What I mean is you can be in God presence in a few seconds or many hours it all depends on you.

Jesus prayed the following prayed to God on our behalf, that God makes us one with Him as He and God were one. **John 17:11** - *And I am no more in the world, and these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are.*

The secret place also includes the thing you do for God

We also need to realise that God wants all Christians to live Holy and pure before Him. There are other areas in our lives where we do things in secret that God wants us to bring before Him so that we can get healing and

Our Giving

Matthew 6:4 that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father who seeth in secret shall recompense thee.

Our Devotional Life (Quiet Time)

Matthew 6:6 *But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thine inner chamber, and having shut thy door, pray to thy Father who is in secret, and thy Father who seeth in secret shall recompense thee.*

Isaiah 58:2 *Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways: as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God, they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near unto God.*

Fasting

Matthew 6:18 *that thou be not seen of men to fast, but of thy Father who is in secret: and thy Father, who seeth in secret, shall recompense thee.*

God is wanting to “meet” us every day, so start or end your day with quality time with Him. He promises us that if we draw near to Him, He WILL draw near to us.

SO START TODAY