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God has sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to save all who would believe in Him and His Word.

God desires to reveal Himself and to give us His divine nature in Christ Jesus our Lord through the power of His Holy Spirit.

God is Jealous. He wants us to encounter His presence daily and walk with Him in glory – intimate communion - today, while it is called today, and forever.

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Ephesians 3:14-21 TLB

"14-15 When I think of the wisdom and scope of his plan, I fall down on my knees and pray to the Father of all the great family of God—some of them already in heaven and some down here on earth— 16 that out of his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you the mighty inner strengthening of his Holy Spirit. 17 And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; 18-19 and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself.

20 Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. 21 May he be given glory forever and ever through endless ages because of his master plan of salvation for the Church through Jesus Christ."

In Christ our Lord, Brandy Helton A child of God

God's Love

God's love is good news! Don't believe the lie that God is distant, unapproachable, and angry!

God is love. He is the only true, eternal God. He is perfect and holy, and He is truth. God is One. He has revealed Himself in three distinct, individual, equal persons: God the Father, God the Son – Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit.

The Bible tells the story of God's perfect love. In that love, God created the first family to live on the earth with Him. Through their deep intimate relationship with the Father, Adam and Eve were meant to fulfill all that was in God's heart on Earth just like it is in Heaven, for God's glory and purposes. Adam and Eve were chosen to walk with God, clothed in His glory presence and were perfect, as He is perfect, and they lived in His beautiful garden, the secret place called Eden. He gave them His breath, life and power to have dominion over all He created and wanted them to reproduce that LIFE replenishing the earth with it, until all the earth is filled with His glory.

Genesis 1:26-28

"26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our

image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

God created His children in His likeness. He made them spirit beings, with a soul – mind, will and emotions – and placed them in a physical body. He gave His children the choice to love Him and to walk with Him in obedience to His every word. He gave the first family the power to overcome any temptation offered to them through God's adversary, the devil, who had rebelled against the Most High God in Heaven's glory and was cast down to the earth. The devil, Satan, brought great darkness and chaos prior to Adam and Eve's existence.

Adam and Eve were deceived into thinking that God was not perfect in love as Satan, the adversary, tempted them to believe that God would not keep His word to them. Through their own will, Adam and Eve disobeyed the Father by eating from a tree that had the power to open their eyes to both good and evil. Through their choice of disobedience, they willfully gave their inheritance and authority over to the devil and his kingdom. Sin entered mankind, which produced death, eternal separation from a Holy God. Adam and Eve were banished from the dwelling and intima-

cy of perfection in the garden and were sent into the world as a fallen creation.

Father God knew He had to come Himself and save His family, and in His wisdom, He chose to send His Son, Jesus Christ into the world to save us and restore fallen mankind back to relationship with Him. Through His Son, He destroyed all the works of the devil and the curse of death. Hebrews 9:22 says, "And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission." Remission means to cancel the penalty, so according to the law there must be shedding of blood to cancel the penalty for sin. The Father cancelled the penalty for the sins of His children through the shedding of the blood of His innocent, holy Son Jesus, who was the Sent One, called and chosen to die for all, so all could live.

John 3:16-21 NKJV

"16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned: but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may

be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

Jesus was conceived by God's Holy Spirit in the womb of a young virgin named Mary. He appeared as the second Adam, in the flesh, with the choice to walk in perfect love and obedience, full of God's Spirit, as a man to do the will of His Father.

Jesus grew up as any male child did in the flesh but He had divine fellowship with His Father and Holy Spirit. At the appointed time, He was revealed as being sent from God to save. Jesus went around doing good and healed all who were oppressed by the devil spiritually and physically. He revealed His Father's heart and perfect love to all who believed through His teachings, grace and miraculous power.

Salvation means eternal life, healing, deliverance, protection, peace, wholeness, and forgiveness. Salvation came to all men through the cross, where the Son of God, the perfect One, was slaughtered as a lamb, bearing all sin for all times from a fallen people. Jesus bore the wrath of God against the darkness that separated God's family from Him. Jesus was punished for our sin and died to cleanse us from the guilt, shame and condemnation sin produces. Sin separates. Love restores.

Jesus was crucified, dead and buried, spending three days and nights in the depths of Hades, the realm of the dead fallen race. Jesus took back the keys of death and hell from that old serpent the devil, Satan, and therefore, all authority was restored back to Jesus.

Great Holy Spirit breathed LIFE into Jesus and raised Him from the dead. He appeared to His disciples, those who followed Him and obeyed His teachings. He showed them that He conquered sin, death and the grave and now, had the keys of hell and death, and would give ETERNAL LIFE to ALL who chose to believe in Him. King Jesus ascended back to the Father of glory where He ever lives to make intercession for us all, and He is coming again to the earth in power to establish His Father's Kingdom on Earth.

Jesus Christ is the head and Lord over His church, those who have made Him Lord and Savior, by believing He is the Son of the Living God and God in the flesh, who finished the work the Father gave Him to do. He not only died for our sins to save and heal us, He chose to give His authority to those He called and chose to follow Him as His disciples, His family.

Jesus has commissioned His followers to do the same works that He did while He lived on the earth.

John 14:12-14

"12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

God loves us and desires that none should perish. He desires for His family to be with Him where He is. These books are written to inspire all who read them and to reveal the heart of God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and Holy Spirit in order that we might RECEIVE THE LOVE HE HAS FOR US and be CHANGED INTO HIS VERY LIKENESS. God desires to dwell with His family forever and ever just as He did in the beginning. How glorious it is to live in His presence and dominion, beholding His goodness, forever and ever, amen.

The book of Revelation describes the time that is coming when all things are made new according to God's heart of love:

Revelation 21:1-7

"1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also, there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then He who sat on the throne said. "Behold. I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." 6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son."

To understand what is presented in the Bible, you must start by understanding God's love. The good news is that God loves you!

The Heart of It

There is good news that through worship, we have access to God's throne room (His presence) because of the blood of Jesus, and that we can come boldly! We access His presence through our spirit man and can understand more of what we encounter in heavenly realms by looking at the experiences recorded in the Bible. Understanding the names of God helps us to know more about whom we are approaching.

Throne Room Worship/ Names of God

God has worked diligently throughout history to make a way for us to be in His presence. After the Garden of Eden when God walked with man daily, God had to lay out strict instructions for how and where He would interact with man. Sinful man would not be able to live in His holy presence, so in the Old Testament God established rules to keep man safe. God's presence was accessible through blood sacrifices of animals and cleansing procedures only in His carefully built portable tabernacle and stationary temple. Only the priests could enter the Holy of Holies.

When Jesus came, He made a way for us to stand in God's holy presence covered in the protection of His blood. So, in the New Testament, we see that through the sacrifice Jesus made, we can make a place for God's presence within our hearts and He dwells with our spirits in us. That's a big difference! If we are in Christ (accepting Jesus as our Savior), we can be in God's presence because Jesus covers us in His blood and His blood surrounds us with His love and protection so we can commune with our holy God. When we come

into God's presence, God welcomes us because He sees Jesus' sacrifice for all our sins instead of our sins. Our sins are literally removed from us by the blood of Jesus so we can survive in God's holy presence.

So, let's look more closely at God's intention to dwell with us throughout history as described in the Old and New Testaments. Then we can look at the names of God to understand more about His character. After that we will look at what the Bible says about the throne room and heavenly places so we can take full advantage of what we experience as we encounter God in His throne room.

God's Presence in the Old Testament and New Testament

According to the Old Testament, God created mankind to live in the Garden of Eden, God walked on Earth with man. So, in the beginning, God had a presence on Earth, dwelling with man. When mankind sinned with Adam and Eve's choice to disobey God, man was removed from God's presence in the garden because sinful man could not survive in the presence of a holy God. After God chose Abraham and his descendants to inherit God's promises, He instructed His people to build a tabernacle (a portable place) to host His presence at first, and later a temple (a stationary place). There had to be an animal blood sacrifice and many cleansing procedures so that man could approach a holy God.

The Ark of God is symbolic in Scripture of God's presence. Revelation gives a peek at what that looks like.

Revelation 11:19

"Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail."

There was the Tabernacle of Moses which was a portable tent that was erected and moved according to specific instructions in Exodus 25-27. It was referred to as the "Tent of Meeting" because it was there that God met Moses to give him encouragement and instruction. It was a place for God and Moses to talk.

The Tabernacle of David was referred to as the "House of Worship." In 2 Samuel 7, we find instructions from Nathan to David about building a temple. Although David received instructions to build a stationary building to host God's presence, David's son, Solomon, was the one who actually built it. The Temple of Solomon is referred to as a "Wisdom Filled House."

After Solomon's temple was destroyed, the prophet, Haggai, relays the message to God's people that the temple was not being rebuilt. The people were living in well-maintained homes and God's house, the temple, was in ruins.

Haggai 1:8

"Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified," says the Lord."

This warning was for the people of Haggai's day, but we will see that it can apply to us today as we build a place for our God to dwell within us. It was God's intention all along to dwell in the midst of His people. Ezekiel's prophecy describes God's intent:

Ezekiel 43:6-7

"Then I heard Him speaking to me from the temple, while a man stood beside me. 7 And He said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever. No more shall the house of Israel defile My holy name, they nor their kings, by their harlotry or with the carcasses of their kings on their high places."

Notice the phrase, "I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever." It was God's intention to return to the plan set up in the Garden of Eden to dwell with mankind.

Jesus provides a better way, a better covenant than was offered in the Old Testament.

Hebrews 8:6

"But now He [Jesus] has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises."

In the New Testament, God's presence resides in us through belief in Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 13:5

"Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?"

1 Corinthians 3:16

"Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

The believer's body becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit, a place for God to dwell.

1 Corinthians 6:19

"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

"Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are."

The believer's body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Just like the physical temple was built with an outer court, an inner court, and the Holy of Holies, the believer's body has similar areas.

Outer court – our physical bodies Inner court – soul, mind, and will Holy of Holies – spirit, where Holy Spirit dwells

God communes with His children, heart to heart, in the inner man called our spirit. It is within this quiet place that He speaks. The believer can both hear and feel the voice of the Spirit. It is a deep place of quietness and rest and true communion. Psalm 4:4 KJV says, "commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still."

Patricia King's <u>Glory School Manual</u> states: "An invitation from the throne of grace; the door is open through the blood of Jesus."

We must pay attention to the way we build and maintain a place for God's presence to dwell. Dr. Ana Mendez Ferrell discusses what it means for us today to host the presence of God in the following passage from her book, <u>Eat My Flesh</u>, <u>Drink My Blood</u>.

"The Breaking of Bread Builds His Tabernacle in Us

Jesus is the firstborn of all the brethren that compose His body. He, as the Son of God, was the first living tabernacle that housed all the fullness of God. His flesh was the tent in which the Father and the Holy Spirit would dwell.

God desires for that tabernacle to be built on earth through the church. Many think this occurs automatically when someone says to Jesus. 'Come and live in my heart.' When someone is genuinely converted the Lord plants His seed of salvation within him, so that he receives the authority to be called a child of God. This is the title or family relationship that God confers on the believer who begins to walk with Him. His dwelling will depend upon what we do with the great treasure that He has placed in our hands. We have the corner stone, but God wants the finished building within us.

John 14:20-23

[20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and

manifest Myself to him." 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" 23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.]

Notice that the dwelling of God isn't established until the believer had been proved in keeping His commandments and His word.

Today, the condition of the church is in a grave situation. In a vast number of people, the spiritual temple of God is in ruins. God called us to be His living temple on earth, but in reality few people walk in the understanding of this high calling.

In a spiritual analogy, God showed the prophet Haggai why His people were in great lack.

Haggai 1:4-6; 9

"Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house lies desolate?" Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts, "Consider your ways. You have sown much, but harvest little; you eat, but there is not enough to be satisfied; you drink, but there is not enough to become drunk; you put on clothing, but no one is warm enough; and he who earns, earns wage to put it into a purse with holes." "You look for much, but behold, it comes to little: when you bring it home, I blow it away." "Why?" Declares the Lord of Hosts, "Because of My house which lies desolate, while each of you runs to his own house."

This prophecy that was written referring to physical houses is also interpreted today to mean spiritual houses. Each one of us is a house, spiritual as well as anatomical or carnal. Most of our time and strength are used in building ourselves up. We are very interested in making sure that we have everything we need. Millions of prayers are just focused on "Give me, ask me, heal me, provide for me, and fill me." In His infinite love, God gives us what we ask for in one measure or another. He fills us with His Spirit. He adorns us with spiritual gifts. He covers us with grace and favor. He cleanses us and beautifies us. Our homes are crafted by Him.

The vast majority of people in the church have taken their eyes off Jesus as the principal focus of worship and knowledge in order to serve themselves. The songs that are sung have to do with what we want from Him. Sermons focus on a better life for "us", how to reach earthly success and have victory in what we are doing. In a subtle manner, pleasing, knowing and honoring God lacks importance and our priorities replace His. Our homes are more and more ornate, and the inner temple, His dwelling place, lies forgotten and in ruins.

Learning about God from others is beautiful and necessary. However, it will never replace intimate communion with His Spirit. Knowing Him is a personal experience and it is different for every person. It is what affirms and establishes us so we cannot be shaken (John 17:3). [Underline is mine.]

The breaking of the bread takes us to that experience of knowing Him in which our eyes are opened so we can see and our ears can hear Him.

The Lord gave the key to Haggai on how to build the temple so the Father and the Son would dwell in it:

Haggai 1:8

"Go up to the mountain, bring wood and rebuild the temple, that I may be pleased with it and be glorified, says the Lord."

Wood symbolizes the human nature of Jesus, of His body. This isn't wood that can be found in the valleys, in low places, in men's "good ideas" and "good programs". It is wood from heights that are only found in the holy mountain of God. It is where the Tree of Life puts down roots to fuse with the Holy Mountain of God.

"Go up to the mountain and bring wood" is going up to the Spirit and eating of the flesh of Jesus. It is bringing everything that His body, the wood, symbolizes and making it the temple of God within us.

Each time I eat of Him, I am building His dwelling within me and He is being formed within me.

The tabernacle in the desert pointed to all Jesus would be in the flesh. The glory of God was wrapped with a cover of purity, a cover that represented His blood and a cover that symbolized

the humility of His outer look. The column of fire was the visible presence of God upon the earth, settled over this tabernacle. This will also happen to those who walk in purity, humility and who are full of His blood, built into God's true temples."

Ana Mendez, <u>Eat My Flesh</u>, <u>Drink My Blood</u>. It's towards the back in Chapter 7 entitled: "Jesus Came to Establish His Body on Earth."

The passage from Dr. Mendez beautifully explains the importance of building a personal relationship with Jesus that welcomes His presence and provides a dwelling place for Him within your spirit. Each time you "eat of Him" which includes both communion and feasting on His Word you strengthen the connection with Him, and that connection allows Him to move through you and you to connect to the Father.

Names of God

Now let's look at the names of God. Names often represent the essence or heart of the object or person. Many of the names of God recorded in the Bible speak to the facets of the character of God. We learn from the prayer Jesus taught us to pray that we are to honor and respect the name of God.

Matthew 6:9

"In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed is your name."

Hallowed means holy and consecrated, which is set apart. It is interesting to note that out of all of God's qualities such as His power, His omnipresence, or His might, Jesus singles out God's name for us to revere. That means we must pay special attention to the names of God and how we address Him.

Below are some of the names of God that describe different aspects of His character:

Adonai – The Lord and Master – A master provides for, protects, and directs his people.

Elohim – The Sovereign, Mighty Creators – A plural word that sometimes refers to God the Creator, but sometimes it refers to heathen gods or idols. It describes greatness and glory with power and might to work in your life.

El Elyon – The God Most High – There is no existing thing that is higher. It is the most majestic of names.

El Roi – The God Who Sees – God isn't asleep, caught off guard, or hindered by darkness. He sees injustices.

El Shaddai – The All-Sufficient One, the One who is More than Enough – God of blessing and sufficiency. He is the many breasted one.

Jehovah – The Self-Existent One, The Unchangeable, Intimate God – Your personal God who reveals His ways to you. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Jehovah Jireh – The Lord Will Provide, The Lord My Provider – He sees ahead and makes provision

for you.

Jehovah Rapha (Rophe) – The Lord Who Heals, The Lord My Healer – He provides perfect healing for every affliction of body and soul.

Jehovah Nissi – The Lord My Banner in Battle, The Lord My Banner of Victory – Banner means a glistening pole with a glistening ornament on top. In battle, soldiers would look across the confusion for the king's banner so the soldiers could see and keep eyes on it.

Jehovah Raah (Rohi) – The Lord My Shepherd – He is a personal guide. He leads and has the plan. We all find everything we need in Him. What makes the difference in sheep is the shepherd.

Jehovah Mekoddishkem (M'kaddesh) – The Lord Who Sanctifies You, The Lord My Sanctifier – God desires you to be like Him, set apart in His own righteousness and holiness.

Jehovah Tsidkenu – The Lord Our Righteousness, The Lord My Righteousness – Righteousness means the quality of being right and aligned with God. It is the measure of acceptance in the presence of God.

Jehovah Shalom – The Lord is Peace, The Lord My Peace and Wholeness – Peace is your blessing and it is for every possible situation.

Jehovah Shammah – The Lord is There, God is there – God is present with His people.

Jehovah Sabaoth (Tsebaoth) - The Lord of Hosts

- Hosts speaks of warfare, army, service, and angels. Jehovah Sabaoth's army is an awesome display of His power and ability.

Jehovah Makkeh – The Lord Who Molds Me – God shapes and perfects us into smooth stones that are molded together to operate in a unified manner.

Jehovah Gmolah – The Lord Who Rewards – God repays and rewards us.

Jehovah Elohay – The Lord My God – A personal God.

Jehovah Eloheenu – The Lord Our God – Call on Jehovah Eloheenu when the body of Christ is under attack.

El-Elohe-Israel - The Personal God of Israel

Magen - Shield

We all answer to several names. We have our given name, but we also have nicknames or more casual names. For example, when you are addressed as Mr., Mrs., Miss or Dr., it is more formal, with respect given. When we are addressed with a formal name, we tend to react more officially. However, mom, dad, sis, or bro, are more casual names that cause you to respond more familiarly. It is the same with God. When you address Him as El Elyon, the God Most High, it speaks to His authority in the situation. It shows that you recognize His superiority. When you call Him Jehovah, it is more personal and intimate. Just as a dad or mom responds to his/her children in a tender

way when they cry out to "daddy" or "mommy," so does God respond to His children when they call upon Jehovah Elohay (your personal God) or Adonai (your master).

The Bible says that God inhabits the praises of His people, so when we release the names of God in worship, He shows up as the God to whom we are addressing.

Psalm 22:3

"But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel."

This verse talks about God being "enthroned in the praises." Once again, that means God takes His seat and is present when we lift Him up in praises. It is important to know the character of your God and to address Him by the names that recognize and honor His many characteristics. Just as we like being appreciated for who we are, so does God. He wants to hear who we think He is to us.

Throne Room Worship

Worship means to show reverence, honor, or adoration and it refers to deep, inner condition of the heart. You can sing a song to God with lyrics that honor Him, but if you don't feel honor in your heart, He does not recognize that as worship. God always looks at our heart to see what is going on in any situation.

1 Samuel 16:7

"...For the Lord does not see as man sees; for

man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Faith is the connector that connects Earth with Heaven. Our faith in Jesus gives us access to heavenly places.

The Bible directs us to set our heart and mind on things above. So, we are instructed to think about heavenly things.

Colossians 3:1-2

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

Holy Spirit leads us into all truth and experience.

John 16:13

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

Holy Spirit will be your guide in heavenly places.

Revelation 4:1

"After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

The writers of the Bible communicate with us in terms we can understand, so when the Bible describes a throne room, we think of an official, formal room with a throne or special seat for the king to sit. Since the king is the authority in the kingdom, he receives people under his rule in this official place.

Hebrews 10:19-22 tells us that we can be bold when we enter God's presence (the Holiest) because the blood of Jesus has purified us in a new way. No longer do we need the ceremonies that were practiced in the Old Testament by the High Priest. When Jesus came, He became our High Priest and sacrificed Himself once and for all, to wash away our sins.

Hebrews 10:19-22

"Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."

Notice in the above Scripture that we draw near God's presence with a true heart. A true heart means with complete sincerity of purpose. God knows our hearts and knows what our real intentions are.

Hebrews 4:16 shows us that we can come boldly to the throne of grace. Notice that as we approach the throne it is a throne of grace instead of a throne of judgement. Because the blood of Jesus covers us, we receive mercy and grace, not judgement. That's good news!

Hebrews 4:16

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

We get a picture of the throne room in Revelation 4. The word, revelation, means an unveiling of things previously concealed. So, Revelation is a description of John's experience in the throne room, which was revealed to him. It is quite a magnificent scene of great worship!

Revelation 4:2-11

"Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. 3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. 7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. 8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes

around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

11 'You are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and honor and power;
For You created all things,
And by Your will they exist and were created.'"

In Revelation 4, God is sitting on His throne in splendor and glory. There are living creatures. 24 elders, all of whom are praising God because He is worthy to be praised.

There are many other Scripture references to the throne. Below are a few:

Isaiah 6:1-8

"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.

5 So I said:

"Woe is me, for I am [a]undone!
Because I am a man of unclean lips,
And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;

For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts."

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said:

"Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged." 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

Another Scripture from Daniel:

Daniel 7:9-10

"I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire; 10 A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.

The court was seated, And the books were opened."

This Scripture from Exodus describes God's presence:

Exodus 24:9-11

"Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. 11 But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank."

Three excerpts from Revelation:

Revelation 1:10-16

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, 11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed

with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. 14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; 15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; 16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength."

Revelation 19:1-16

"After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! 2 For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her." 3 Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!" 4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!" 5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!"

6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous

acts of the saints.

9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' "And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God." 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

Revelation 20:11-12

"Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no

place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books."

There are other longer passages that describe heavenly places you may be interested in reading: Revelation 5, Ezekiel 1, and Revelation 21-22:7.

So, the throne room is a place of glory, worship, and judgement, but Jesus is there and has paid the price for you to go there boldly and encounter grace and mercy.

What to Expect in Heavenly Places

The Bible has many accounts of beings that inhabit heavenly places and activities witnessed in heavenly places. We are told to think on things from above, so it is helpful to have Scriptures to help do that. Below are a few Scriptures that describe various types of beings and activities:

Angelic Beings

Revelation 5:11

"Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands..."

Living Creatures

Revelation 4:6-9

"Before the throne there was a sea of glass,

like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. 7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. 8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:

"Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come!"

9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever..."

The Seraphim

Isaiah 6:1-3

"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!'"

The Cherubim

The following verses in Ezekiel refer to the cherubim as living creatures:

Ezekiel 1:4-21

"Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around it and radiating out of its midst like the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire. 5 Also from within it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man. 6 Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings. 7 Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the soles of calves' feet. They sparkled like the color of burnished bronze. 8 The hands of a man were under their wings on their four sides; and each of the four had faces and wings. 9 Their wings touched one another. The creatures did not turn when they went, but each one went straight forward.

10 As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle. 11 Thus were their faces. Their wings stretched upward; two wings of each one touched one another, and two covered their bodies. 12 And each one went straight forward; they went wherever the spirit wanted to go, and they did not turn when they went.

13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches going back and forth among the living creatures. The fire was bright, and out of the fire went lightning.

14 And the living creatures ran back and forth, in appearance like a flash of lightning.

15 Now as I looked at the living creatures, behold, a wheel was on the earth beside each living creature with its four faces. 16 The appearance of the wheels and their workings was like the color of beryl, and all four had the same likeness. The appearance of their workings was, as it were, a wheel in the middle of a wheel. 17 When they moved, they went toward any one of four directions; they did not turn aside when they went. 18 As for their rims, they were so high they were awesome; and their rims were full of eyes, all around the four of them. 19 When the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. 20 Wherever the spirit wanted to go, they went, because there the spirit went; and the wheels were lifted together with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. 21 When those went, these went; when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up together with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels."

Ezekiel refers to the above passage in Ezekiel 10 and confirms what he saw were cherubim.

Ezekiel 10:1-20

"And I looked, and there in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubim, there appeared something like a sapphire stone, having the appearance of the likeness of a throne. 2 Then He spoke to the man clothed with linen,

and said, "Go in among the wheels, under the cherub, fill your hands with coals of fire from among the cherubim, and scatter them over the city." And he went in as I watched.

3 Now the cherubim were standing on the south side of the temple when the man went in, and the cloud filled the inner court. 4 Then the glory of the Lord went up from the cherub, and paused over the threshold of the temple; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the Lord's glory. 5 And the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even in the outer court, like the voice of Almighty God when He speaks.

6 Then it happened, when He commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, "Take fire from among the wheels, from among the cherubim," that he went in and stood beside the wheels. 7 And the cherub stretched out his hand from among the cherubim to the fire that was among the cherubim, and took some of it and put it into the hands of the man clothed with linen, who took it and went out. 8 The cherubim appeared to have the form of a man's hand under their wings.

9 And when I looked, there were four wheels by the cherubim, one wheel by one cherub and another wheel by each other cherub; the wheels appeared to have the color of a beryl stone. 10 As for their appearance, all four looked alike—as it were, a wheel in the middle of a wheel. 11 When they went, they went toward any of their four directions; they did not turn aside when they went, but followed

in the direction the head was facing. They did not turn aside when they went. 12 And their whole body, with their back, their hands, their wings, and the wheels that the four had, were full of eyes all around. 13 As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing, "Wheel."

14 Each one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, the second face the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. 15 And the cherubim were lifted up. This was the living creature I saw by the River Chebar. 16 When the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them; and when the cherubim lifted their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also did not turn from beside them. 17 When the cherubim stood still, the wheels stood still, and when [g] one was lifted up, the other lifted itself up, for the spirit of the living creature was in them.

18 Then the glory of the Lord departed from the threshold of the [i]temple and stood over the cherubim. 19 And the cherubim lifted their wings and mounted up from the earth in my sight. When they went out, the wheels were beside them; and they stood at the door of the east gate of the Lord's house, and the glory of the God of Israel was above them.

20 This is the living creature I saw under the God of Israel by the River Chebar, and I knew they were cherubim."

The following account in Exodus describes how the Israelites were to represent cherubim when building the ark of the covenant:

Exodus 25:18-22

"And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat. 19 Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it of one piece with the mercy seat. 20 And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat. 21 You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. 22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel."

Psalm 99 confirms that the Lord dwells between the cherubim.

Psalm 99:1

"The Lord reigns; Let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; Let the earth be moved!"

Great Cloud of Witnesses

Hebrews 12:1

"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the

Horses, Chariots

Revelation 19:11

"Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war."

Psalm 68:17

"The chariots of God are twenty thousand, Even thousands of thousands; The Lord is among them as in Sinai, in the Holy Place."

Worship

Revelation 4 and 5 describe a door standing open, throne, rainbow, 24 elders, lightening, thunder, 71 blazing lamps, crystal sea, living creatures, among many other things and everyone is worshipping.

Harps and Incense (prayers of the saints)

Revelation 5:8

"Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints."

Purging Iniquity (removing sin)

Isaiah 6:6

"Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged.'"

Eating and Drinking

Exodus 24:9-11

"Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. 11 But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank."

Joy and Laughter

Luke 15:10

"Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Psalm 2:4

"He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision."

Trumpet Sounds

Revelation 4:1

"After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

Banquet (marriage supper)

Revelation 19:7-9

"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' " And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

Open Seals and Release Judgements

Jesus comes as Lion of the tribe of Judah, being worthy to open the seals and release the judgments in the last days.

Revelation 5:1-5

"And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. 5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the

Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

Conclusion

Jesus paid the price, through His death, burial, and resurrection, for us to boldly come in the presence of God and receive grace and mercy, not judgement. When we truly worship in our heart, our spirit communes with God. We enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

Psalm 100:4

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name."

When we release God's many names in worship, He encounters us in those many capacities. It is His desire to dwell with His people and He wants to fellowship with us! He wants us to prepare a place for Him to dwell within us. That's amazing!

We are told to think on things above, so it is important to have Scriptures that tell us about beings and activities that exist in Heaven so we can think on them. Holy Spirit's job is to lead us into truth and experiences.

Your imagination was created by God in order for you to be able "to form mental images of concepts of what is not actually present to the senses (http://dictionary.com)." Of course, we cannot sense heavenly things and things that are unseen with our eyes, ears, nose, mouth, or touch. It makes sense that God will use your imagination as an instrument of communication. You may need to set apart your imagination (consecrate it) to the Lord and police the thoughts that run through it. We all have had other influences that have used our imaginations, so it is wise to repent for participating with vain or unclean imaginations.

When you are worshipping, it is a good idea to put your spirit man in charge of your imagination, mind, emotions, and body, and submit your spirit to Holy Spirit. You can do that by saying something like, "It is my will for my mind, imagination, emotions, and body to submit to my spirit man and for my spirit man to submit to Holy Spirit." Then you can invite Holy Spirit to lead you in experiencing heavenly glory.

Operate in rest and in faith. God desires to reveal to you. You can believe that your spirit is one with Him and that you are with Him in the throne room, seated with Him because of the truth of the Word of God. Worship God and ask the Father to reveal to you both the throne room and the many facets of His glorious character!

Prayer for Salvation

If you have not made Jesus Christ your personal Lord and Savior, and you desire this with all your heart, then please, join me in prayer:

"Heavenly Father, I choose to believe with all my heart, Your love for me. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son, the Son of God, and that He is God in the flesh. I believe that You sent Him to this earth to save me. Thank You. I believe He died on the cross for my sins and He was dead and buried three days, and then rose again from the dead and that He ascended to Heaven and is now seated at Your right hand and is returning again.

Father, please forgive me for all my sin and iniquity and I choose to forgive others who have sinned against me. I give You all my heart and choose to live with You forever. I believe I have been born again according to Your Word and that I have been transferred out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of light. I declare I am forgiven and healed! Now, I ask for Holy Spirit to fill me. Jesus, baptize me in Holy Spirit and fullness in order that I may know You intimately and serve You all my days.

Thank You, Lord, for loving me. Amen."

Scriptures:

John 14:6

"6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Romans 10:8-13

"8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

John 3:3-7, 16-18

"3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born [a] again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that

I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

"16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

II Corinthians 5:17

"17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

I Corinthians 15:3-5

"3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve."

II Corinthians 5:21

"21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

Colossians 1:13-14

"13 He has delivered us from the power of dark-

ness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."

Luke 11:9-13

"9 'So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Acts 1:8

"8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

I Timothy 3:16

"6 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory."

Fresh Infilling of Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

If you have been born again and filled with Holy Spirit and you desire MORE and want to encounter the Lord's presence afresh and anew, please join me in prayer:

"Father, in the name of Jesus, I thank You for loving me and I ask according to Ephesians 1:17-19, that You would give me the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, Jesus, and the eyes of my understanding would be enlightened; that I may know what is the hope of His calling and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power towards us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places. Amen.

Father, according to Colossians 3:9-12, I ask in Jesus name, that I would be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that I would walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power. Amen.

I surrender and yield my life to the fullness of Holy Spirit; His power and anointing; the spirit of wisdom and revelation; counsel and might; the spirit of the fear of the Lord and knowledge according to Isaiah 11:2, in Jesus name. Amen."

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