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Planted in His Presence ~ Pastor Trey Dickerson

So for pretty much all of 2019, we have been studying the 23rd Psalm—breaking it down verse by verse and learning about the good life that God has prepared for all of His children to live TODAY! No, not in the sweet by and by; but on this earth now! And we have learned some wonderful things, saints! If you’ve missed any of these teachings, I encourage you to go to our website and read them today. Meditate on these things until they become real to you, and you begin reaping the benefits of these truths in your life.

But as wonderful and blessed as this good life can be—as great as all the physical, financial, relational, emotional, mental benefits are—there is “one thing” that far surpasses all of these natural blessings. Yes, there is one thing that is most needful and is the good part of this good life—and that His presence! The one thing that is available to us that makes this good life the “goodest” is that we can live in the presence of God every day! Amen?

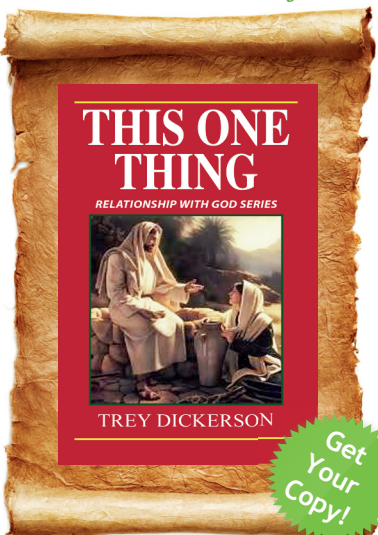
Ironically enough, this is exactly what David referred to, albeit in the last half of the last verse of this beautiful psalm. (Truly, the last

shall be first! Amen?) So, let’s look at the last portion of **Psalm 23:6**. In it, David says, “... *And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*”

Now, first of all, one thing that is important to understand about this reference to “the house of the Lord” is that it is not a *physical place*. I understand that we like to refer to our church buildings as “the house of God,” but these physical structures we gather in are not truly God’s house. That’s right: one *cannot* say God’s house is here or it is there—for



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EXCITING NEWS!

We wanted to let you know that we have some exciting projects in the works for LLM in 2020!

The first one is that in the first quarter of this new year, we will begin airing a weekly video teaching on various social media platforms such as Facebook, etc. And at the same time, we will be revving up our ministry’s YouTube channel.

We believe the Lord has laid on our hearts that this is the next project

that He would have us to set our hands to in order to get His Living Word into the hearts of His people.

I will begin these teachings in Paul’s Epistle to the Galatians and go verse by verse through this rich book of the Bible.

So, thank you for your partnership with our ministry! We could not do this without the support of you. Together, we are making God’s Word alive to countless believers around the world! A Happy New Year indeed!

(“Planted In His Presence” continued)

the house of the Lord is wherever we take it because our bodies are now God’s temples. Glory! So, there is something even more important than us going to church; and that is us dwelling in the house of God forever!

So, what was David referring to here when he declared he would dwell in the house of the Lord forever? Well, to the Jewish mind, the house of the Lord (i.e. the Tabernacle and then the Temple) was synonymous with God’s presence. Yes, they saw “the house of the Lord” as the place where God dwelt—in the holy of holies of both the Tabernacle and the Temple. So, what David was literally saying was that He was certain that he would dwell in God’s *presence* forever. No, not in the holy of holies, but that God’s manifest presence and glory would be with Him forever.

I’m sure you have heard of the term “eternal life,” right? Eternal life is what Jesus died to provide for us. But what we need to understand is that eternal life is not simply existing forever—because we are going to live forever one way or the other. No, Jesus taught us what eternal life is in John 17:3 when he described it as “knowing” God the Father and Jesus, His Son. And like the Scriptures teach us—this eternal life is not something that begins after we die; it began the moment we truly began to live (i.e. when we were born again). So, this “forever” begins now for us! If we are born of God and the Holy Spirit resides in us, “eternal life” begins now and will continue into the next life. Amen!

And King David was a man well ahead of his time—for he understood this well. Yes, he understood the value of fellowshiping with God and living in fellowship with Him in His presence. In his estimation, there was nothing more important than this. He indicated this throughout His psalms.

Let’s look at a few of them: In **Psalm 27:4**, David begins to say, “*One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek...*” What David was saying was that if he could summarize everything that he desired from the Lord; if he could bring everything together that he asked and sought the Lord for, it would be this “one thing”: “*That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*” Yes, living in God’s presence is the one thing he wanted! And in the following verses, David goes on to describe how the things we need like wisdom, protection, and life are found in the presence of the Lord. In **Psalm 92:13**, David talks about how being planted in the house of the Lord makes us fruitful. In **Psalm 36:8**, David describes the blessed state of God’s children by saying, “*They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of your house...*” Therefore, the way David says that we become abundantly satisfied (or you could say, extremely content) is by entering the fullness of God’s presence. We see this same principle reflected in **Psalm 16:11** when King David said, “*In Your presence is fullness of joy.*” So, it

sounds like the key to being full of joy and abundantly satisfied in our hearts is learning to live in the fullness of God’s presence. Or you could say, the more of the Lord’s presence that we are abiding in, the more content and satisfied we will be. Amen.

So, we can clearly see that dwelling in the Lord’s “house”—that is, His presence—has a myriad of benefits. It abundantly satisfies our soul! It causes us to grow and flourish and bear fruit for the glory of God! It protects us from many of the onslaughts of the enemy! But, I believe most importantly, it grants us entrance into a rich and vibrant fellowship with the Lord that we are all called to inherit! And we can continue and grow in this all of our lives. We can still bear more fruit in old age by spending time in his presence, still continue flourishing!

Therefore, our prayer should be that of Moses when he said, “*If Your presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.*” (**Exodus 33:15**). You see, defeating our giants, inheriting our Promised Land, and eating the fruit of this good life cannot compare to living in the presence of the Lord. Amen!

You see, Moses had tasted and seen that the Lord is good. So, he knew that nothing else could compare with the manifest goodness of God. And this is the way it is with all of us; once we get a taste of the goodness of His presence, we will want more! You can’t get enough of His presence because it is addictive. So, get addicted today, church! Get a taste of this good life—for **the Good Life is a life lived in God’s presence.** Amen!

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