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**SERIES: Isaiah, Part 1 (Judgment – But Hope)**

**TITLE: Program 11 – God’s Presence In You**

**MONDAY**

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Question: Is sin worth losing the sense of the presence of God in your life, Beloved? Is the decision that you are about to make, the action that you are about to take, the desire that you are about to fulfill, is it worth losing the sense of God’s presence, the sense of His glory, the sense of His blessing? Oh, I think not. Let’s talk about it.

**PART ONE**

I wonder, Beloved, if you realize how much God wants to bless you, how much He wants to use you? I wonder if you’re aware of the fact that you can live in the sense of the manifest presence of God? This is where God intends for you and me to live, is in His presence, in His power, showing and displaying to others the very glory of God. What do I mean when I talk about the glory of God? I’m talking about giving a proper estimate of Who He is, of showing what it means to be a child of God, a true child of God, to love God with all your heart and soul and mind and body and strength.

That's what it means to glorify God. It means to treat Him as He really is. It means to order your life accordingly. And what God wants from you and from me is that sense of His presence so that we know that [in Him we live and we move and we have our being, and that from Him and through Him and to Him are all things, and to Him belongs the glory forever and ever.] (PARAPHRASE, Acts 17:28) It is a place of blessing. It is a sense of the very presence of God; the smile of God. As we look at Isaiah, we are moving from Isaiah chapter 5 into Isaiah chapter 6. Isaiah chapter 5 brings Isaiah's message concerning Judah and Jerusalem to a close, as he shows us the status of those people. And then something extraordinary happens in Isaiah chapter 6. But before we look at Isaiah chapter 6, let's talk for a minute about Israel. I'd like you to open your Bibles and let's look at Exodus chapter 19. Now as we look at Israel, I want you to know that we are going to look at a parallel of ourselves. So when you see what God has done for Israel, you can know in essence that God has done basically the same things spiritually for the Church. And as you see Israel, you are to see the Church. The way God expects Israel to live is the way God expects the Church to live. So in Exodus chapter 19 it says, **"In the third month after the sons of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day they came into the wilderness of Sinai."** (Exodus 19:1) Now remember when they were in Egypt, they were slaves. They were oppressed and they had been oppressed for 400 years. And then God sends Moses, the deliverer, to take them out of slavery, to take them out of the house of bondage, to take them out from under the rulership of an earthly king and put them under the divine authority of the God of heaven, the one and only true King of the universe. So he says, **"When they set out from Rephidim, they came to the wilderness of Sinai and [they] camped in the wilderness; and there Israel camped in front of the mountain."** (Exodus 19:2) Now this mountain is Mount Sinai. It is the holy mountain. It is called the "Mountain of God." And **"Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from**

the mountain, saying, ‘Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: “You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you [with] eagle’s wings, and brought you to Myself. Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine.”’” (Exodus 19:3-5) In other words, I’m calling you to be My very own special people. And Precious One, that is what God has done for you if you are a true child of God. Jesus said, [You didn’t choose Me. I chose you, and I ordained you, that you should go and that you should bear fruit and that your fruit should remain and that whatever you ask in My name I will do it.] (PARAPHRASE, John 15:16) So as Israel was chosen out from all the peoples of the earth, so God has chosen the church out from all the peoples of the earth, and they come from every tribe and tongue and nation, and they become a people for God’s own possession. Now look at what he says, “**And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation....**” (Exodus 19:6) Whenever you hear the word “holy” think this way, think about moving over a step. Think about being called apart. Think about being set apart. Think about being pulled out of the common and being ordained for the sacred, coming out of the profane and moving into the holy. “**...You shall be...a holy nation....**” (Exodus 19:6) Now if you study and you think about the New Testament you know in Revelation chapter 1, he talks about us becoming a kingdom of priests unto God, the church does, through Jesus Christ. (See Revelation 1:6) He talks about us in 1 Peter and he says, “You and I are to be holy even as He is holy.” (See 1 Peter 1:16) So what we’re going to see this week as we talk about having and not losing that sense of the manifest presence of God, I want you to see that what we see about Israel is a parallel to us, and the lessons we can learn about them are lessons that we can apply to our lives. This is what the Bible tells us about the Old Testament: It was written for our instruction so that we might have encouragement, so that we might have

hope, so that we might persevere. (See Romans 15:4) Well, they were to be a holy, holy people. I want us to go to Leviticus chapter 26. God warned them about something that keeps you and me from being holy. He warns them about pride, and we're going to see that this is what He talks about in the book of Isaiah. And pride is a very dangerous thing because you see if you're going to walk in pride, you're not going to walk in the presence of God. I mean God's going to be there, but God does not share His glory with anyone. So in Leviticus chapter 26 in verse 14, we're going to find the first use of the word or translation of the word "pride". He says, **"...If you do not obey Me and do not carry out all these commandments, if, instead, you reject My statutes, and...your soul abhors My ordinances so as not to carry out all My commandments, and so break My covenant, I, in turn, will do this to you...."** He says, **"...I will appoint over you...sudden terror, consumption...fever that will waste away the eyes...cause the soul to pine away...you will sow your seed uselessly, for your enemies will eat it up. I will set My face against you so that you will be struck down before your enemies; and those who hate you will rule over you, and you will flee when no one is pursuing you. If...after all these things you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins."** Now listen to the next statement. **"I will also break down your pride of power...."** (Leviticus 26:14-19) Listen to me very carefully, Precious One. When you and I walk in disobedience to God what we're saying to God is, "Pardon me, I'll set my own standard. Pardon me, I'll determine what's right and wrong. Pardon me, but I know better than You, and so I am going to do what I want to do. So there." When you do that, that is the pride of power, and you know what it is? It is nothing but human power. And you will not sense His presence. Rather you will sense His judgment, and that's what he's saying to them. Now I want you to look at the word, "proud". We've looked at "pride" but I want you to go to Deuteronomy chapter 8, verse 11. And I want you to see this because if ever there was a proud people

we are a proud people. And this keeps us from knowing the presence of God, not having the presence of God. If we're children of God He's never going to go away. And yet there's not that sense of that manifest presence of God. So in Deuteronomy chapter 8, in verse 11 he says, **“Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today; otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good [homes] and lived in them...your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and [your] gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out [of] the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”**

**(Deuteronomy 8:11-14)** What is he saying? He's warning you and me against the dangers of prosperity, against the dangers of wealth. And what is the church today caught up in? Many of the church are caught up in being prosperous; they're caught up in being wealthy. Listen, Precious One, that's when people usually forget God. And there is no sense of His manifest presence in our lives. Why? Because we have become proud, proud at what we have attained, proud at what we have gotten for ourselves. O Precious One, we'll talk about it more in just a minute.

## **PART TWO**

What would keep the children of Israel from understanding and walking in the manifest presence of God? Well it would be sin. And the essence of all sin is really found in the word “pride.” They were warned by God, as we saw in the first segment of this program. They were warned by God to beware when everything was going well. Beware that your heart is not caught up in pride. When you look at the history of Israel you see that Isaiah was written during the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah. (See Isaiah 1:1) Now that was a time of prosperity. Uzziah had had the blessing of God on his life. I mean he built fortifications, he equipped an army, he

had an elite core and everything was going great. And everything was going great for the people, except for one thing. They had all the blessings of God and yet they were walking in pride. Look at Isaiah chapter 2, Isaiah chapter 2. And I just want you to pick this up and over pride what I do is I put an arrow going up, a red arrow going up, lifting up ourselves. Now if you have tuned in before you know that the purpose of this program “Precepts for Life” is to help you discover truth for yourself. It’s to help you to get into the Word of God. It’s to help you study it and come face to face with God in His Word and have God open the eyes of your understanding, so we have a free study guide for you and you simply download that study guide and study with us. Discover truth for yourself. Well, as you do that, one of the things that we tell you is, “Mark key repeated words.” Now what Isaiah is, is a lot of Hebrew poetry. And Hebrew poetry is not that everything rhymes, but he’ll say something one way and then he’ll say it again in another way. So watch all the references to “proud”. And if you have a red pen do it, mark it right now in your Bible, look at verse 8. **“Their land has also been filled with idols; they worship the work of their hands, that which their fingers have made.” (Isaiah 2:8)** And really today we worship the work of our hands. We worship our jobs. We worship the prestige. We worship everything that gets us more and more and more. The Bible says in Colossians that greed is idolatry, (See Colossians 3:5) wanting to have more, wanting to have the best, that’s greed and it’s idolatry. It says, **“So the common man has been humbled....”** Oh, he’s been brought low. So take your arrow and make it go down. It says, **“...And the man of importance has been abased but do not forgive them. Enter the rock...hide in the dust from the terror of the LORD...from the splendor of His majesty. The proud look of man...,”** and put your arrow going up over “proud,” **“...will be abased...,”** and put an arrow going down. **“...The loftiness of man...,”** an arrow going up, **“...will be humbled...,”** the arrow going down, **“[for] the LORD alone...,”** listen carefully, **“...will be exalted in**

**that day.” (Isaiah 2:9-11)** O Precious One, if you want to experience the presence of God, if you want to know the smile of God on your life so that there’s a smile on your face because you know that you’re walking with God and you know that you’re dressing and acting and talking and making decisions and spending your money in a way that is pleasing to God, and you sense His presence, if you want to do that you have to know this: that only the Lord can be exalted. He shares His glory— He says this later on in Isaiah, [I share My glory with no man.] (PARAPHRASE Isaiah 42:8) So he goes on to say in verse 12, **“For the LORD of hosts will have a day of reckoning [and] everyone who is proud...,”** arrow going up, **“...and lofty...,”** arrow going up, **“...against everyone who is lifted up....”** (Isaiah 2:12) That’s who God is coming against, those that are proud, those that are lofty, those that are lifted up. Verse 17, **“The pride of man...,”** arrow going up, **“...will be humbled...,”** arrow coming down, **“...and the loftiness of man...,”** arrow going up, **“...will be abased...,”** arrow coming down, **“...and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.” (Isaiah 2:17)** Now what were they doing? What were they doing? Well in Isaiah chapter 2, verse 22 he says, **“Stop regarding man, whose breath of life is in his nostrils...why should he be esteemed?” (Isaiah 2:22)** They were followers of men. And you know the thing that distresses me is, when Christians begin to get gaga over other Christians. Maybe they have been a blessing to you and that’s that’s fine, and love them and appreciate them, but don’t fawn over them. Don’t drool over them. Don’t say, “Oh, oh, oh, I just got to be in their presence.” No, no, no, no, no. You want to be in the presence of God. That’s where you want to be. So **“Stop regarding man...,”** he says, **“...whose breath...is in his [mouth].” (Isaiah 2:22)** Now watch what he says. He talks about how the Lord, in chapter 3, is going to remove from Judah and Jerusalem their supply and support, their whole supply of bread. There’s going to come a famine. There’s going to come hardship. There’s going to come the judgment of God, and we’ve already seen it. The rulership

of the youth over the adults, it's going to be awful. And then he says this, **"For Jerusalem has stumbled and Judah has fallen...."** Now listen very carefully, **"...because their speech and their actions are against the LORD...."** And this is what I don't want you to miss, **"...to rebel against His glorious presence."** (Isaiah 3:8) They are rebelling against His glorious presence. What does that mean? It means that they were living in Jerusalem and over the temple, on the temple mount they could see the pillar of cloud during the day. They could see the pillar of fire during the night. They knew God was at home. They knew that His manifest presence was there; His splendid glorious presence was there. And yet, as they walked around in the presence of that cloud, in the presence of that fire, Beloved, what were they doing? They were rebelling against God. Their speech was against God. Look at our society today. Look at every curse word. Look at every flaunting of immorality. Look at the defamation of God and the sacredness of marriage and life and you will see that here we are living in the presence of God and acting like that. O Beloved, O Beloved, that's not what you want. Can people see that God is in residence in your life and my life by the very way that we act, that we treat people, the way that we talk, the way that we dress, the way that we spend our money, the way that we spend our time, our focus of our life? O Precious One, the focus of our life is to be God. It's not to be me. And yet, sad to say, in Christianity many times it's about me, not about Him. Think on it.