



The Price Of Pursuing The Presence Of The Holy Spirit

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In Hebrew there is an expression or a word called שכינה or shekhina which means "God's manifested glory" or "God's presence".

This word does not appear in the Bible, but later Jewish scholars used it to refer to the dwelling place of God.

With Moses this presence appeared in the burning bush. With Israel it was the fire and the cloud over the Tabernacle. It was the light on Moses face when he came down from the Mountain. It remained over the Ark of the Covenant, and when the Temple was inaugurated, it was the cloud that filled the Temple.

And on the day of Pentecost it was the Fire that sat down on and filled the 120 disciples that were in the Upper Room.

Ye are the Temple of the Holy Spirit, is clearly state by Paul in 2 Corinthians 6:16.

That is really what it is all about, as far as I am concerned, in our walk with God. It is to **be a carrier of the Holy Presence of God, which is the Holy Spirit.**

I got very hungry for this presence of the Holy Spirit when I was a young boy.

My father was a pastor in the second largest Pentecostal Church in Sweden and a close friend of his from the Middle East visited us one evening after church. Every time the man said "Praise the Lord", I could see a vision of a cloud of smoke coming out of his mouth, and I could also feel the awesome presence of the Holy Spirit.

Although I had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit when I was only 9 years of age, this vision touched me so deeply that I asked the Lord for much more of this Glory in my own life.

This hunger for more of His Glory grew with every anointed Servant of God that came to minister in our Church, and culminated when Kathryn Kuhlman came to minister in the late 1960's.

I attended every service and was greatly touched by the Holy Spirit when she ministered to me by the Spirit in one of the services in Smyrna Church in Göteborg. After that my life was never the same again.

King David loved and pursued the presence of the Holy Spirit of God when he danced with all his might before the Ark of the Covenant. 2 Samuel 6:14-16 reads:

-And David danced before the LORD with all his might, wearing a priestly garment.

-So David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the LORD with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams' horns.

-But as the Ark of the LORD entered the City of David, Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down from her window.

When she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she was filled with contempt for him.

This is the real proof that you are moving in the right spirit, the Holy Spirit of God. Most sinners will love you but the Religious and Rebellious people will hate your guts.

But just forgive them, love them, and pray for them. Matthew 5:44

Then just go on doing what the Holy Spirit has called you to do, because all that will live godly in Christ (and pursue His presence) will suffer persecution. 2 Timothy 3:12

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