

IN THE SECRET PLACE WITH GOD QUOTES

SURRENDER

There is a door in the hallway of the secret place. The name on that door is "Absolute Surrender." The sign on the door which says, "Behind this door lie the depths of God."

There is only one key to the door. It is the key of faith. Only the power of God's love can turn that key. Only your choice can open the door; only His grace can take you through. Love has brought you here. And love beckons you in, beckons you on.

The promises of God, as they are revealed in His Word, lead you into intimate fellowship with Him and they unleash His power in your behalf. The time you spend in the secret place is quality time, for it increases your faith. How could it be otherwise? Andrew Murray writes, "For your encouragement, I would add that when you get a promise from God it is worth as much as its fulfillment. A promise brings you into direct contact with God. Honor Him by trusting the promise and obeying Him." Spending time with God in the secret place and surrendering your life to Him in faith produce faithfulness in your own heart and life. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go and shut the door and kneel to my Father in secret, and am at peace as in the deep sea of calmness when all around and above is trouble.

In *How I Know God Answers Prayer*, Rosalind Goforth writes, "When God ask for and receives our all, He gives in return that which is above price – His own presence. The price is not great when compared with what He gives in return.

MEDITATION AND PRAYER

To know God, His will and His ways, you must let stillness and silence lead you into the secret place of your own heart, for it is there that you will encounter Him in all His fullness. Remember, the Word says that, as you draw near to God, He will draw near to you. He is the Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. You have sought God by faith; now, simply enjoy the reward of His presence. Take several minutes and remain in silent communion with Him.

GOD PRESENCE

God's presence is now available to you in the secret place. It is a wonderful place of worship, adoration, fellowship, communion, and discovery. Being in the secret place involves enjoying the presence of God. God is omnipresent (Present everywhere), and He has chosen to be with you and live within your heart. He has made your heart to be the tabernacle or temple of His presence in this age.

Zephaniah writes, "Be silent in the presence of the Lord God; for the day of the Lord is at hand" (Zeph. 1:7, NKJV). Silence in God's presence is vital because it enables us to hear the voice of God.

It was as Moses prayed and waited in the secret place of God's presence that he was able to hear His personal promise to him. God wanted Moses to know that His presence would always be with him. What an assurance this must have been for the man of God, and it is a wonderful assurance to you as well. God's presence is always with you. When you truly enter the presence of God you find His honor and His majesty (the shekinah glory). It is there, also, that you find strength and gladness (see 1 Chron. 16:27). David writes, "You will show me the path of life; in your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore" (Ps. 16:11, NKJV).

Throughout the Psalms we are encouraged to enter God's presence with thanksgiving and singing. This is certainly a most appropriate thing to do, for what could make you more grateful than to know that God is always with you, and you can enjoy His presence at any time, or even all the time?

Jesus said, "But the hour is coming and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:23-24 NKJV).

It is interesting to note that Jesus precedes this admonition to worship with an explanation that worship has nothing to do with a building or a place, such as an earthly tabernacle, but it is a matter of the heart. It is in the secret place of God's presence that one engages in true and spiritual worship. As you spend time in the secret place, you may often experience an overwhelming awareness of God's great and tender mercy. Were

it not for the mercy of God, in His great love for us, we would not dare even to think of entering His presence.

Worship leads us beyond prayer, praise and thanksgiving in which we are often quite active vocally and even physically. Worship is heart-to-heart communion between the worshiper and the One who is worshiped. It is pure, it is intensely personal. It is intimacy of the highest order and is deeply spiritual. Worship is built on the solid foundation of love. Indeed, it is a fulfillment of the great Commandment: "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul. And with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30, NKJV).

This is the kind of passion that true worship requires of you – all your heart, all your soul, your entire mind, and all your strength. After all, the reason why you were created was to worship God and enjoy Him forever.¹

¹ In *The Secret Place*, Clift and Kathleen Richards