

Lesson 11: The Importance of God's Presence

1 Samuel 18:13-14

Truth 1: Your greatest need in life is the presence of the Spirit:

Psalm 51:10-12

- Confidence, joy, strength, his sense of God's love, wisdom, protection, and a holy walk:
- He was a fugitive, warrior, worshipper, and a mighty king

Truth 2: Your greatest fear should be that God would fight against you:

- God's presence departs from Saul and His sends a tormentor: **1 Samuel 16:14**
- Saul is terrified of his most trusted servant **1 Samuel 18:12-15, 28-29**
- Saul tries to kill his own son in anger and fear of David: **1 Samuel 20:30-33**
- Saul murders God's priests out of anger: **1 Samuel 22:16-17**
- Saul was consumed with killing David: **1 Samuel 24:1-2**
- Saul goes to a witch to hear his fate: **1 Samuel 28:5-10**
- Saul and his sons die in shame: **1 Samuel 31:1-6**

Truth 3: We must understand the New Testament Ministry of the Holy Spirit:

- **OT: Active but not indwelling every person.**
- **NT: Every believer has the Spirit: Romans 8:9**
 - **Baptism:** He unites us to Christ, placing us into the Church: **1 Corinthians 12:13**
 - **Indwelling:** He takes up our body as His very temple: **1 Corinthians 3:16**
 - **Filling:** He influences and controls us through the mighty work of His word in us: **Ephesians 5:17-18**
 - **Empowering for service:** He gifts us: **1 Corinthians 12:4**
 - **He motivates us: Romans 5:5**
 - **He separates us unto His purposes: Timothy 1:14**
 - **He energizes our makes our labor effective: 1 Thessalonians 1:5**

Truth 4: We cannot risk neglecting this wonderful doctrine:

- Walk in humility before God.
- Do not resist His work in your life.
- Put into your heart what He uses to influence and control you.
- Do not quench the Spirit through sin.
- Realize that unless you walk in fellowship with God under the Spirit's influence, you will fail in the Christian life and ministry.

Conclusion: