

HIS PRESENCE

(Ex. 33:1-17)

INTRODUCTION

I want to congratulate you for seeing the beginning of this year; it will be your year of testimony, and open heavens indeed. This year our theme is **OPEN HEAVENS**, and we shall indeed experience open heavens. Before we begin the expository teaching on the theme, there is something that is very essential as we travel in the year 2016, which is **His Presence**. The passage will choose help us to see the efficacy of God's presence that is very significant to successful landing. I will be addressing three issues: (1) God's warning; (2) the meaning of God's presence; and (3) What His presence will offer you.

God's Warning

God is saying to everybody that you should not make Him angry this year. Watch out for your conduct, speech, places where you go, friends you associate with, and what you do. **Hear this: when alone, guard your thought; in the family, guard your temper; in company, guard your word.** If you make God angry, this is will be the effect of the action:

- a. God will withdraw His presence.
- b. God will disown you.
- c. God will break the fellowship with you.

God's Presence Defined

In Old Testament, tent of meeting, ark of covenant, cloud of God, and angel of the Lord represent the presence of God. In New Testament, Jesus is the presence of God and the indwelling of Holy Spirit is the presence of God. In Hebrews, it means the face of God. Literally, His presence is His support, defence, and guidance. ***God's presence is the initiative of God in encountering His people.***

What You Will Enjoy If You Secure His Presence

1. His presence gives you **REST**.
2. His presence gives you **DISTINCTION**.
3. His presence gives you **NAME**.
4. His presence opens the **WAY**.
5. His presence gives you **AUTHORITY**.
6. His presence gives you **JOY**.
7. His presence unfolds your **ERRORS**.
8. His presence gives **COMFORT**.

To be the glory, Moses was able to secure His presence before they took off. So, secure His presence before you move this year, and you will land safely and you will not be a victim this year. All what God has for you will come to pass in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.