

# In God's Presence~ Day 1



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## **In God's Presence there is God~ Donna Fender**

As I walked down the hall, I knew that it was not good. "Donna, you are one of the best therapists we have but.....I just don't know where you are. Your heart is just not in it lately." I had just returned from maternity leave, after twelve weeks at home with my baby. A very good friend of mine was caring for her and I had arranged to have Friday's off. I had spent seven years in school to become a physical therapist and my boss was right...my heart was not in it. My heart, at the time, was at my friend's house with my sweet baby girl.

Have you ever been somewhere but not "really" been there? Is there a time when you felt that you were lacking something, something that you thought you were seeking but you couldn't find? Has your heart ever "not been in it?" Jeremiah 29:13 says "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Over the next few weeks, we will be studying about God's presence. We will be looking to see how we can find fullness as we draw near to God. We will discover beautiful things that being in the presence of God will bring. And we will begin with this...IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD THERE IS GOD.

1 Peter 2.9 says this "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light." When we become followers of Christ, we never lose



the reality of God's presence. We have been called and chosen to BE the light, not just hold a light. We shine through Christ, seeking His redemption to share with the world because in the presence of God, God is there.

And when God is there, we have:

Safety - Psalm 32:7

Grace - Ephesians 4:7

Joy - 1 Peter 1:8-9

Peace - Psalm 29:11

Love - Zephaniah 3:17

Wisdom - James 1:5

Life - John 8:12

Power - Romans 8:11

Strength - Isaiah 40:29

And more!

When we are alone in His presence our hearts learn to worship Him for all that He is....yesterday, today, and forever!

I called my mom in tears. "What should I do?" I asked. "Quit", she replied. "You and Justin will figure it out." Follow His lead...He will take care of the rest. God was there that day because God was there when Justin and I married. God was there that day because God was there when we brought our firstborn into the world. And God was there that day, in that office when I left for the day and didn't return for a few years. And He provided...as He always does for those who seek Him. In the presence of God...God is there!

Looking forward to studying with you,  
Donna

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### **Today's Prayer:**

Lord,

We want to discover more of you, to be aware of you, in everything. Your word says you are near, help us to feel your presence, to long for it, to seek you with all our hearts. Help us examine our lives and be brave to make changes where needed, trusting that you are there. Amen



**Further Study:** Grab a notebook and your bible to use throughout the study over the next few weeks.

Use Donna's scripture list above to start your notes. Look up each verse and read it searching for evidence of what is found in God's presence. Leave room to add to this list throughout our study together.

Read Acts 17:27-28

His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us. For in him we live and move and have our being.” Acts

Write these verses in your notebook, underlining in verse 28 the three things we have in Him. How does it impact you to read in his word that we live, move, and have our being in him? Does this motivate you to seek the Lord with your whole heart as instructed in Jeremiah 29:13?

