



RESTORATION part 3

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The Power of the Resurrection is restoring
The reality of living in God’s presence.

In the Beginning God created mankind to live in His presence.

*“They heard the sound of the **LORD God walking in the garden** in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife **hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** among the trees of the garden.”*

Gen 3:8 (NASB)

“Presence” is the Hebrew word **“paniyim”** (*paw-neem*) which means “face.”

- God created us to live Face to Face with Him.

*“Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, **and live forever**” —²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden **He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.**”*

Gen. 3:23-24 (NASB)

- Mankind entered a new reality, separated from intimacy with God and the Tree of Life.

God couldn’t let mankind stay in the garden, but He didn’t abandon them.

- **Ex 25:8** “Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, **that I may dwell among them.**” (NASB)

God chose to have a dwelling place among men, but mankind could only enter His presence once a year... they couldn’t live there.

*“You shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen; **it shall be made with cherubim**, the work of a skillful workman... **the veil shall serve for you as a partition between the holy place and the holy of holies.**”*

Ex. 26:31-33 (NASB)

- The Holy of Holies was perfectly square and separated by a veil embroidered with Cherubim... just like Eden.

*“And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last. ³⁸ And the **veil of the temple was torn in two** from top to bottom.”*

Mark 15:37-38 (NASB)

- Through Jesus, God has removed the barrier that separated us!
- What we have now is just a taste of what’s coming... a deposit guaranteeing what is to come! (**2Cor. 1:22; 5:1-5**)

The last scene in the Bible (**Rev 21**) describes what it will be like when God restores the reality of living with Him.

What does God want me to do?

*“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. ¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, **what kind of people ought you to be?** You ought to **live holy and godly lives** ¹² as you **look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.** That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are **looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.**”*

2Pet. 3:10-13 (NIV)

1. (**2Peter 3:11**) God wants me to walk with Him.

So, I will _____.

2. (**2Peter 3:12**) God wants me to look forward.

So, I will _____.

3. (**2Peter 3:17-18**) God wants me to grow!

So, I will _____.