

God's Presence

Psalm 19

Main idea: To explore the significance, transformative power, comfort, and assurance of God's presence, and the invitation to seek it

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Suggestions for moving forward with your sermon on God's Presence:

1. Emphasize the awe-inspiring nature of God's presence:

- Scripture: Exodus 3:5 - "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."
- Highlight the reverence and holiness associated with encountering God's presence.

2. Explore the transformative power of God's presence:

- Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:18 - "And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."
- Discuss how being in God's presence can bring about personal transformation and conformity to His likeness.

3. Discuss the comfort and assurance found in God's presence:

- Scripture: Psalm 23:4 - "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."
- Highlight how God's presence provides comfort and protection, even in the midst of challenging circumstances.

4. Address the invitation to seek God's presence:

- Scripture: Jeremiah 29:13 - "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."
- Encourage your listeners to actively pursue God's presence through prayer, worship, and studying His Word.

5. Explore the significance of God's presence in community:

- Scripture: Matthew 18:20 - "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."
- Discuss how God's presence is not only experienced individually but also in the context of community and fellowship.

Language suggestions from original languages:

1. In Psalm 19:1, the Hebrew word for "heavens" is "shamayim," which can also be translated as "sky" or "celestial expanse." This emphasizes the vastness and grandeur of God's presence.

2. In Exodus 3:14, when God reveals His name to Moses as "I AM WHO I AM," the Hebrew term used is "Yahweh." You can explain the significance of this name, highlighting God's eternal and unchanging nature.

3. In 2 Corinthians 3:18, the Greek word for "transformed" is "metamorphoō," which implies a complete and radical change. This can be used to emphasize the profound impact of God's presence on our lives.

Remember to weave these additional ideas and Scriptures into your existing sermon outline to reinforce your current points and provide a well-rounded exploration of God's presence.