

Theme Connect with God Always

Topic Service Corporate Worship & Intercession

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## **Ushering God's Presence into our lives**

As we celebrate our Jubilee with the Jubilee Day of Prayer on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2015, we are reminded of the power of prayer in our daily lives. As we worship and pray, we establish a guilt-free relationship with the Lord, one that is without condemnation, and one that allows us to arise boldly in His name. SP tells us that this confidence is vital; otherwise, we are of no threat to the kingdom of darkness.

## **Coming into God's Presence**

The power of prayer is undeniable – it brings heaven down to earth and it equips us to face the battles in our lives. Accordingly, SP leads us into the ways we can come into God's Presence:

### 1. By the blood of Jesus and through Christ Jesus, our High Priest

For us to walk confidently with the Lord, to come boldly into His presence, guilt-free and without condemnation, SP looks to *Hebrews 10:19-22* for guidance. As it is written, we may draw near to God, being cleansed of our guilty conscience by the **blood of Christ** [v19] and **pure water** [v22] i.e. **the Word** [1 John 1:9].

# 2. Casting all our cares unto the Lord

Just as fishermen cast their nets with strategy and intention, SP urges us to cast our cares **purposefully** unto the Lord [1 Peter 5:7].

### 3. With thanksgiving and gratefulness in our hearts

In the big, the small, the routine or the spectacular, we are reminded to give thanks to the Lord for all good things come from Him. The point is to develop grateful hearts [*Psalm 100:4-5*].

### 4. Rendering praise and proclaiming the names of the Lord

Praise takes us yet another step deeper with God. It is more than thanksgiving; the Bible defines praise as "fruits of our lips that confess the name of God" [Hebrews 13:15], and the name of God reveals His personality and character.

From *Psalm 23*, we learn the seven redemptive names of the Lord:

- 1) He is my **Jehovah-Rohi** who loved me and gave His life for me
- 2) He is my **Jehovah-<u>Shalom</u>** the LORD, my Peace
- 3) He is my **Jehovah-<u>Tsidkenu</u>** the LORD, my Righteousness
- 4) He is my **Jehovah-Jireh** the LORD, will provide
- 5) He is my Jehovah-Rapha/Rophe the LORD who heals
- 6) He is my Jehovah-Shammah the LORD who is always there with me
- 7) He is my Jehovah-Nissi the LORD, my Banner of Victory

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# Praying for our land, its people and for the church

SP led us into a time of prayer and intercession as we prayed for Israel [Genesis 12:1-3], Singapore [1 Timothy 2:1-2], JDOP 2015 and for BBTC [Ephesians 6:18] and its leaders [Hebrews 13:17].

Let us be encouraged to continue in this posture of prayer, to intercede for those around us, and to seek God's face ever so earnestly as we celebrate the Year of Jubilee!



Questions
1. How can we be free from guilt and condemnation in our relationship with God?
2. Of the seven names of the Lord, share how one of them has been real in your life.
3. Continuing with a posture of prayer, in this year of the Jubilee, what are some things you want to trust God for in this season? (Personally or for the nation)

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