



## NEAR Part Two: "God is in the Waiting"

*"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw NEAR to God and He will draw NEAR to you."* JAMES 4:7-8  
NKJV

In this New Year, nothing is more important than  
His presence.

### TWO PARTIES INVOLVED IN EXPERIENCING GOD'S PRESENCE

#### 1. From God's side He's looking for you.

*And Eve heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. The Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"*

**GENESIS 3:8-9**

- God came to Adam and Eve.
- God was looking for them.
- God asked, "Where are you?"

**God desires you to know and receive  
His love and presence.**

#### 2. Our part is to draw near and wait for Him.

- You are encouraged to wait on God.

*Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart. Wait I say on the Lord!*

**PSALM 27:14**

- You need to quiet yourself from the noise.

*I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child I am content.*

**PSALM 131:2 NIV**

- God's promises to those who wait on Him

*Those who wait on the Lord shall **renew** their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.*

**ISAIAH 40:31**

Renew, *chalaph* in Hebrew. means to cut off, do away with, renew, change and move forward.

**Waiting on God does away with the old and fills you  
with His anointing and power!**

### BENEFITS OF WAITING ON GOD

1. His peace, love, rest and joy (John 14:27; 15:9; Matt 11:28; Ps 16:11)
2. His forgiveness and grace (Hebrews 4:16)
3. His leading and guiding (John 10:27)
4. His gifts, anointing and power (John 14:12)
5. His shekinah glory (John 17:22)

FATHER GOD, *This day I make a new commitment to take the time to wait on you and worship you. Thank you for drawing near to me as I draw near to you. Renew me today and fill me with your presence and love. And help me to live in your presence everywhere I go. In Christ's name, AMEN.*

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