

The 12 Days of Thanks Giving: Day 12



Day 12: The Presence

“And He said, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” Exodus 33:14

Presence [prez-uh ns] noun

1. the state or fact of being [present](#), as with others or in a place.
2. attendance or company
3. immediate vicinity; proximity
4. a divine or supernatural spirit felt to be [present](#) :

In the Garden of Eden man walked in the very **presence** of God. After the Fall man walked differently with God; separated from Him because of sin. After Pentecost man walked differently with God yet again. No longer God *with us*, but God *within* us. His **Presence** tabernacle-ing within man. The Hebrew word for *presence* is *paniym*, which means face, surface, presence. I have been very familiar with this Hebrew word for many years and smugly thought I knew all about it ... until I researched it for this study. I stopped in wonder when I discovered *paniym* also means, “before and behind, toward, in front of, forward, formerly, from beforetime, before, to the front of ...” Amazing.

Why can we be at rest? Why can we be at peace? Because He is with us, guiding us, protecting us, leading us, holding us in the palm of his hands. God’s **presence** is *all over us* and *all*

in us. His **Presence** brings us rest. This holiday season, when we are feeling rushed and stressed, we don't need to seek peace; we need to seek **Presence**.

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Thank you for joining us during this season of Thanks Giving. May your day be blessed!

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