

The Presence of God  
Jeremiah 29:11-14  
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Thesis: I want to show the encouragement and strength we can find from the presence of God.

## Introduction

### I. Examples of God's presence

#### A. Joshua

1. (**Josh 1:5**) God promised to be with Joshua as He was with Moses.
2. Joshua was told that there was no reason to fear because He was with Him (**Josh 1:9**)

#### B. Daniel

1. God looked after Daniel in the lions den (**Dan 6:16-20**)

#### C. Apostle Paul

1. God was the one who gave comfort in prison (**Acts 16:22-24,25**)
  - i. Why could they sing? Because of their confidence that God was with them!

#### D. Jesus

1. Jesus often would seek time alone to pray, showing us that the communication and the presence of God brought Him comfort and encouragement also. (**Mt 14:23**)
  - i. Was Christ truly alone?
  - ii. What about in the garden, was He alone there? (Lk 22:39-45)

### II. Biblical Reminders

#### A. Consider O.T. reminders

##### 1. **Jeremiah 29:11-14**

- a. God promises to be near
  - b. God promises to hear
  - c. God promises to respond
    - i. He promised to deliver them from the present hardship (**v.14**)
2. Jacob was promised the presence of God (**Gen 28:10-15**)

#### B. Consider the words of Christ

1. "with you always" (**Mt 28:20**); spoken to the Apostles, no doubt God is always present, hearing and responding to our prayers.

### III. Lessons for us today.

#### A. God's presence brings comfort and strength.

1. One of the purposes of God's presence is to provide comfort and strength to the Christian.
2. While God's presence isn't in a miraculous form today, God remains active in the lives of the Christian through the answering of prayers and guidance we find from His inspired word.

#### B. Why God's presence is important.

1. One of the many tools of our enemy is causing doubt in God's presence.
  - a. The person who feels alone is easier to be defeated than the person who is

- confident in fact that God is with them.
2. Confidence means strength, while doubt means weakness

**Application & Conclusion:**

1. God's love, mercy & presence should be a source of comfort.
2. Let us not waver but have confidence in God's love for man.
  - a. **Jeremiah 20:10-11**
    - i. God was with Him and this gave him strength and courage, let us learn from him.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9