

Rejection

God comes
where
He's wanted.

“For the eyes of the LORD go throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.”

2 Chron. 16:9

John Piper



“Experiencing the presence of God in corporate worship saved my marriage.”

John Piper



“God struck me down with hope. With hope he struck me down.”

John Piper



“We cease from sin not simply because we are disciplined, but because we have found something better.”

-Gary Thomas

“Be transformed by the renewing of your mind”

Romans 12:1

“And we all, who with unveiled faces reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

2 Corinthians 3:8

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What characteristics **resist**
the presence of God?

What **welcomes** the presence
of God?

Luke 4:14-30

“All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff.”

Luke 4: 28-30

One can be religious and still
be resisting the presence of
Jesus.

“He has sent me to tell those who mourn
that the time of the LORD’s favor has come,
and with it, the day of God’s anger against their
enemies.”

Isa. 62:1

“At their shock and amazement Jesus stopped reading at the very point at which judgement and servitude is pronounced on the Gentiles.”

Kenneth Bailey

What characteristics **resist**
the presence of God?

Only being open to God working
the way you want him to.

A lack of love toward those
different than you.

“Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

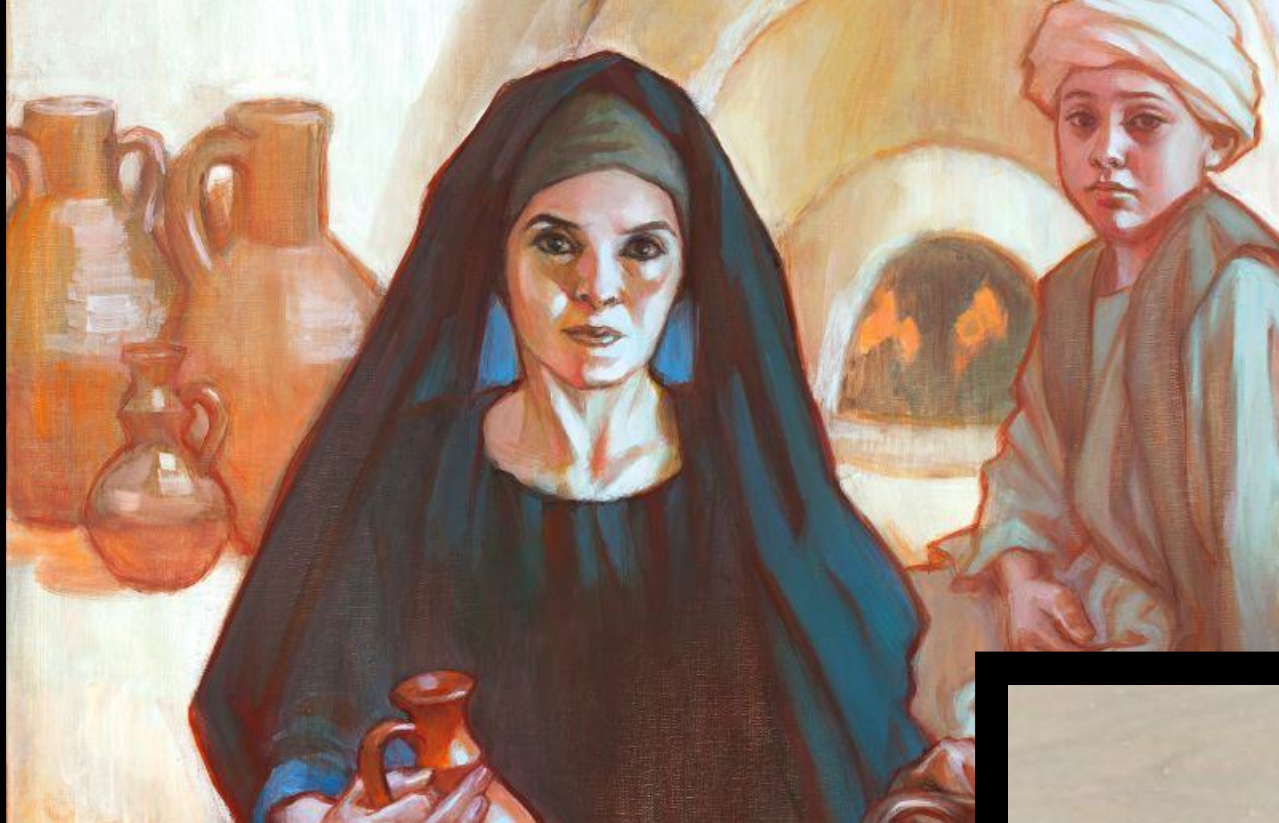
Luke 4:21

Indifference toward Jesus's
invitation of healing.

“And Jesus did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.”

Matt. 13:58

What characteristics **welcome**
the presence of God?



A Widow

A Warrior



“I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in **Zarephath** in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only **Naaman** the Syrian.”

Luke 4: 25-27



1 Kings 17



2 Kings 5

Anyone can welcome the
presence of God if they want Him.

“God doesn’t disclose himself only to the greatest among us, but to us.”

D.A. Carson

Desperation welcomes the
presence of God.

Obedience welcomes His
presence.

Could there be more?

Bethany



Luke 10

Slowing down to listen welcomes
the presence of God.



John 12

Brokenness welcomes the
presence of God.



Fred Rogers

*“For I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring,
and my blessing on your descendants.”*

Isaiah 44:3

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