

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY (WOW)
 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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EXPERIENCE GOD'S PRESENCE AND POWER

THE ANOINTING

The anointing is the burden removing, yoke destroying power of God.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,' we are anointed to manifest the same power and glory of God so that He may be glorified in the earth. Luke 4:18

HOW DO I GET THIS BURDEN REMOVING, YOKE DESTROYING POWER OF GOD ANOINTING?

This kind of Anointing can be obtained when you soak in the presence of the Lord. God requires us to seek after His presence with all our heart; to go after Him in a radical and desperate way, to the elimination of all others. When we are soaking in the anointing we are hungrily seeking after God. We are pushing beyond the surface and going deeper and farther into the Holy of Holiest so that we can know the heart of God. This is how God requires us to seek after Him. David wrote in Psalm 27:8 *'When he said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."* Seeking the face of God requires us to be still in His presence so we can get to know Him and His desire for us. As we are still, the Lord our God will saturates or soaks us so we can become more like him. This kind of saturating or soaking can be compared to going outside on a day when it is raining heavily and once you step outside you become drenched with the rain but if you stay indoor you remain dry. When you go into the presence of God and wait, the Lord will drench you with His anointing and download things into your spirit. Here are a few things we can do

Decide you are ready and set the time.

Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with wisdom. (Proverb 18:1)

Create an atmosphere with worship and music

'And you will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart'. Jeremiah 29:13. 'And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart

from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me;" Acts 1:4

Eliminate all distractions

'But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly'. Mathew 6:6

SOAK

The word soak means to penetrate or affect the mind or feelings.; to make thoroughly wet or saturated by ...; to immerse in liquid for a period of time. Another word we can use for soaking is 'baptism' which means to immerse. It is to be immersed into something for the purpose of being saturated or wet by it. When we are soaking we are immersing ourselves as believers 'in the Spirit of God'. Mathew 3:11 'I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Acts 1:4, 14 'And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me; These all continued with one ^[a]accord in prayer ^[b]and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers'.

It is when we spend time in the presence of God that we become saturated with His anointing to the point where it penetrates our mind and changes the way we think, the way we act and our overall attitude on life. We all need to be soaking in the presence of God if we want to be anointed and live a transformed and successful born-again life.

The verb "**soaking**" tells that the actions is **continuous or progressive**. The thing with soaking is that it is a process that implies that time is required to bring about change. Like on wash day, in order to see the change in the white garment or remove the stains, the clothes are left in the solution for a period of time before it is removed. Being left alone for a time, allows the clothes to be saturated with the content it is immersed in. Slowly it changes from its original look (dirty and stained) to being clean

and pure. When we stay in the presence of God the difference can be seen in our appearance. If we are to be changed and to be anointed, we have to be baptized in Holy Spirit. That is being fully wet, fully immersed and fully whelmed in Holy Spirit. This does not happen overnight. We have to be consistent and patient with the process of soaking to be a carrier of God's Glory. Moses asked God in Exodus 33:18-21 'And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."¹⁹ Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."²⁰ But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."²¹ And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. Being still and being hungry to the point where you are focused on nothing else but God as the main criteria when going after the anointing is very, very important. Being still is more difficult than it sounds. Many times, when we are in the presence of God we are not still. We are distracted by our thoughts, our jobs, our family and even our past sins. We do not allocate enough time to be in the saturated or to even hear from God. There is not enough time for resting; to be still. Being still not just physically but also in our soul (mind will and emotions).

Resting is the period when we are not asking God for anything or even talking but we are waiting to be filled or to be saturated with Holy Spirit. During rest time we should be listening with now faith for what God is saying to us. We are distracted by our electronic devices and we are unable to rid our mind of anxiety and feeling of being overwhelmed by life's challenges. These things hinder our ability to be soaked or fully immersed in the presence of God. Psalms 46:10 encourages us to 'Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! The moment we become still, letting everything go, tuning out the world and having our mind fixed on God and only God while we soak in His presence, that the time we begin to become really saturated with the presence of God. We begin to reflect His characteristics and being a Glory Carrier. The anointing will be activated in us. It is also important for us to be still when we are soaking in the spirit of God is found in Psalm 4:1-3 'Blessed *is* the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in

the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.' Psalm 119:47 'And I will delight myself in Your commandments, Which I love.

When we are still it enables us to hear God's voice. It is when we are still that we can experience the glory of God.. It is when we are still that God can reveal great and mighty things to us as he did Jesus John 5:19 "Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner'. Being still while soaking will cause God to open the eyes of our imagination allowing us to see beyond the natural ; to see things He wants us to do. Things that were previously hard to discern or even things that were hidden from us will become plain. Read Luke 10:38-42 the scriptures about Mary and Martha who soaked in the presence of God.

We may love to serve and while it is good to serve, God wants us to recognize that there is a time when we should be still in His presence for Him to impart in us what is necessary and needed for the next level. We have to be still in His presence. The Soaking period is not the time to ask for anything but a time to HONOUR God for who He is. It is waiting period. We need to schedule time for other prayers as seen in Ephesians 6:18. The more we immerse ourselves in the presence of God the more of His character we should see demonstrated and manifested in our life. Being fully saturated is more than just speaking in tongues. Speaking in tongues is only the evidence that you have been touched by Holy Spirit. We are not talking about being touched we are referring to being fully drenched by His power and presence. When we are fully saturated Holy Spirit will live inside us and quicken us, making us come alive. The more you spend time with God the more results you will see. Go after Him more, giving Him your heart. If you continuously or repeatedly seek after God as often as you can with genuine HONOUR and hunger and not just lips service, the more you will be filled. Such HONOUR will open the window for God to saturate you with the anointing you yearn after.

