

Made by the Word and the Presence of God

Part four of the series, "Made for Greatness: After God's Heart"

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"Again David gathered all the choice men of Israel, thirty thousand. ²And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, whose name is called by the Name, the Lord of Hosts, who dwells between the cherubim... ⁵Then David and all the house of Israel played music before the Lord on all kinds of instruments of fir wood, on harps, on string instruments, on tambourines, on sistrums, and on cymbals." (2 Samuel 6:1-5 NKJV)

Keep the presence of God a priority by...

- **...savoring the presence of God (prioritizing his appetites).**

"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good..." (Psalm 34:8 NKJV)

- **...longing for the presence of God (prioritizing his time).**

"How lovely is your tabernacle O Lord of Hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God." (Psalm 84:1-2 NKJV)

"...and all the people rose and worshiped, each man in his tent door. So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend..." (Exodus 33:10-11 NKJV)

- **...practicing the presence of God (prioritizing his private moments).**

Christian practices (Matthew 6:1-18 NKJV):

"So when you give..." (v. 2)

"And when you pray..." (v. 5)

"When you fast..." (v. 16)

"... your Father, who sees in secret will reward you openly." (v. 18)

- What should be our practice of priority?

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:33 NKJV)