

**TODAY'S
SCRIPTURE
FOCUS:
PSALM
16:11**

SERMON TITLE:

*"THE PRESENCE
OF THE LORD"
Part 1*

“You will show me
the path of life;
in YOUR *presence*
is fullness of joy;”
Psalms 16:11a

“at your right hand
are pleasures
forevermore”
Psalms 16:11b

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

“But THE LORD was
gracious to
them...and would not
yet...cast them from
HIS *presence*.”
II Kings 13:23

“Create in me a
clean heart, O
GOD,...do not cast
me away from YOUR
presence...”

Psalm 51:10-11

“Where can I go
from YOUR SPIRIT?
Or where can
I flee from
your *presence?*”

Psalm 139:7

SERMONIC POINTS:

#1: CHARACTER

#2: CHALLENGE

#3: CONCLUSION

SERMONIC PNT.#1:

CHARACTER

*What is the nature
and identity of GOD?*

“For the eyes of THE
LORD run to and fro
throughout the whole
earth, to show
HIMSELF strong...”

II Chronicles 16:9a

“The eyes of THE
LORD are in every
place, keeping watch
on the evil and the
good.”

Proverbs 15:3

“ ‘Am I not a GOD
near at hand,’
says THE LORD,
‘And not a GOD
afar off?’ ”

Jeremiah 23:23

“ ‘Can anyone hide
himself in secret
places, so I
shall not see him?’
says THE LORD;”

Jeremiah 23:24a

“ ‘Do I not fill the
heaven and earth?’
says THE LORD.”

Jeremiah 23:24b

“If I ascend into
heaven, YOU are
there; if I make my
bed in hell, behold,
YOU are there.”

Psalms 139:8

“And HE is before
ALL things, and in
HIM all things
consist.”

Colossians 1:17

SERMONIC PNT.#2:

CHALLENGE

*The challenge is for us
to ascend to GOD,
not for GOD to
descend to us!*

“Seek THE LORD
while HE may be
found, call upon HIM
while HE is near.”

Isaiah 55:6

“Let the wicked
forsake his way, and
the unrighteous man
his thoughts; Let him
return to THE LORD”

Isaiah 55:7a

“...And HE will have
mercy on him; and to
our GOD, for HE will
abundantly pardon.”

Isaiah 55:7b

“Draw near to GOD
and HE will draw
near to you. Cleanse
your hands, you
sinners; and purify...”

James 4:8

SERMONIC PNT.#3:

CONCLUSION

*What happens when
when our ascent,
meets GOD's descent?!*

“THE LORD is near
to all who call upon
HIM, to all who call
upon HIM in truth.”

Psalms 145:18

“HE will fulfill the desire of those who fear HIM; HE also will hear their cry and save them.”

Psalm 145:19

“GOD is our refuge and strength, a very *present* help in trouble.”

Psalm 46:1