

# Pressure or Presence

*“my presence shall go with you and I will give you rest.”*

Moses was at the breaking point, he couldn't go on. Leading 2million rebellious people was more than he could handle. He was now on the mountain with God alone and he needed help. He must have felt like his head was going to explode from the pressure of the situation.

There are several truths I want you to see in this story:

1. Moses met God on the mountain. The mountain to us is our prayer life. Nothing changes till we go up! No voice, no help, no strength, till we climb the mountain of our flesh to meet God.
2. The pressure Moses felt was God made. You, too, are honored by God for this job. The pressure that results is calculated to push us to a new place in God. WE all need the pressure, without the pressure there is no push for a new place in God.

3. God's answer for the pressure was His presence. The presence of the Lord surrounds us and is in us greater than we know. His presence is peace, rest, contentment love joy faith. It is all in one package of his presence. I have learned through the years to “practice his presence”. In others words “keep him close”. Little whisperings, a thank you Lord under your breath, a song sung in your heart keeps him close.
4. Presence brings rest: the agitated, the waves of a raging sea is the description of the wicked, not the people of God. To rest is to enjoy the life you have in God. To rest is to turn it all over to God who has to do it anyway. Rest precedes rule. When you enter his rest because of his presence you have, will see the rule of God over your life.

I urge the whole church to practice the presence of the Lord and enter His rest!

Pastor Chambers

***International Dinner***

***Sunday, June 7th***

## ***Upcoming Events***

**Water Baptism Service**  
**This Sun., April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00pm**

**Youth Meeting in Long Beach**  
**Sat., May 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Bus lvs. Church 6:30pm**  
**Returning at 11:00pm**

**Teacher Appreciation Sunday**  
**May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Christian Ed**  
**Cookie Lee Jewelry**  
**Fund Raiser**  
**Sun., May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Ladies/Girls Tea Luncheon**  
**Sat., May 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**12 noon**

**Be Sure to sign up if you are attending!**