

Making Room For God

“Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.” Psalm 24:7-10 (NKJV)

“In his pride the wicked does not seek Him; **in all his thoughts there is no room for God.**” Psalm 10:4

I. Introduction

- **Key thought:** God has much more to _____ than we’re normally _____
- **Key Objective:** To increase our _____ to receive from God

II. How Do We Make Room For His Presence?

1. We make room by _____

“Blessed is the person who obeys the law of the LORD. They don’t follow the advice of evil people. They don’t make a habit of doing what sinners do. They don’t join those who make fun of the LORD and his law.” Psalm 1:1-4; 6

“I will run in the way of your commandments when you enlarge my heart!” Psalm 119:32

“So the king of Israel set out with the king of Judah and the king of Edom. After a roundabout march of seven days, the army had no more water for themselves or for the animals with them. “What!” exclaimed the king of Israel. “Has the LORD called us three kings together only to hand us over to Moab?” But Jehoshaphat asked, “Is there no prophet of the LORD here that we may inquire of the LORD through him?” An officer of the king of Israel answered, “Elisha is here. He used to pour water on the hands of Elijah.” Jehoshaphat said, “The word of the LORD is with him.” So the kings went down to him. Elisha said to the king of Israel, “What do we have to do with each other? Go to the prophets of your father and the prophets of your mother.” “No,” the king of Israel answered, “because it was the LORD who called us three kings together to hand us over to Moab.” Elisha said, “As surely as the LORD Almighty lives, whom I serve, if I did not have respect for the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not look at you or even notice you. But now bring me a harpist.” While the harpist was playing, the hand of the LORD came upon Elisha and he said, “This is what the LORD says: Make this valley full of ditches. For this is what the LORD says: You will see neither wind nor rain, yet this valley will be filled with water, and you, your cattle and your other animals will drink. This is an easy thing in the eyes of the LORD; he will also hand Moabites over to you.” II Kings 3:9-18

2. We make room when we learn to _____ “Rest in the Lord; **wait patiently for Him to act.** Don’t be envious of evil men who prosper.” Psalm 37:7 (LB)

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for **He who promised is faithful.**” Hebrews 10:23 (NKJV)

3. “We make room by remembering that God is _____ while we’re _____
_____ “So he

answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts." **Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV)**

Might=human force, passion or energy **Power**= human strength or talent

"The LORD watches over the lives of godly people. But the lives of sinful people will lead to their death." **Psalm 1:6**

4. We make room when we honor His _____ "For He has spoken about the seventh day in these words: "And on the seventh day God rested from all his work." And again He says, "They shall never enter my rest." It still remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not go in, because of their disobedience. Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it "Today", when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. **Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest,** so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience." **Hebrews 4:4-11**

Note: God's rest is as _____ as it is _____
"Come unto Me, all you who labor, and are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." **Matthew 11:28-30**

5. We make room by living with an intentional spirit and heart of _____.
"Now it happened in the morning, when the grain offering was offered, that suddenly water came by way of Edom, and the land was filled with water. And when all the Moabites heard that the kings had come up to fight against them, all who were able to bear arms and older were gathered; and they stood at the border. Then they rose up early in the morning, and the sun was shining on the water; and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood. And they said, "This is blood; the kings have surely struck swords and have killed one another; now therefore, Moab, to the spoil!" So when they came to the camp of Israel, Israel rose up and attacked the Moabites, so that they fled before them; and they entered their land, killing the Moabites." **II Kings 3:20-24**

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." **I Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)**

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." **Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV)**

6. We make room for Him by responding quickly to the _____ of the Holy Spirit.

*“For **godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation**, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.” II Corinthians 7:10 (NKJV)*

*“But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are saying!” Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And **Peter remembered the word of the Lord**, how He had said to him, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” **So Peter went out and wept bitterly.**” Luke 22:60-62 (NKJV)*

7. We make room by seeking and finding Him in those common, often overlooked and mundane _____, _____ and _____ of daily life.

*“Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. **But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.**” Luke 24:13-16 (NKJV)*

*“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. **There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**” Psalm 19:1-4*

*“The **hearing ear and the seeing eye**, the LORD has made them both.” Proverbs 20:12 (NKJV)*

ANSWER KEY:

I.INTRO: give---getting -----inner capacity

II. How Do We Make Room For His Presence?

- 1. following God's instructions**
- 2. rest in God's promises**
- 3. working----sleeping**
- 4. Sabbath principles & NOTE: spiritual----natural**
- 5. Gratitude**
- 6. Convicting work**
- 7. Moments, experiences, encounters**