THE PROMISE OF HIS PRESENCE

Exodus 33:12-16.
The Lord’s response to Moses request was a priceless gift. He has also given us many exceeding great and precious promises, which we may call upon in times of adversity. By these we might become partakers of the Divine nature.

2 Pet 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Let’s look at this promise that was given to Moses and see why he sought it.
Moses saith to the Lord….thou hast said to me “bring up this people” (Exodus 33:12).
Moses recognised he could not possibly “bring up this people” without the powerful presence of God?
He sought an assurance from God in the face of a seemingly impossible mission.
God obliged and replied “My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.”
It’s a truism that the enabling of God accompanies all His biddings. His powerful presence attends all His commands and demands.
The lesson here is that we too can confidently ask and expect His presence and provision to meet our daily need to do His will (2 Cor 9:8).

Look at what His Promise to Moses Offered.
"My presence shall go with thee" (Exodus 33:14).
All the treasures contained in this promise are beyond calculation.
All the needs of a community of former slaves for forty years were in this promise.
Neither time nor circumstances can ever diminish to any degree the riches contained in His promise.
And this promise that was given to Moses is yours and mine for our journey also!
“Lo, I am with you always” (Mat 28:20).

His presence is made real to us by His indwelling Spirit, just as the sun manifests its presence to us through light and heat.
Grieve the Holy Spirit with unbelief and you will close the door to His gracious promise of freedom and deliverance. As surely as His presence filled the Holy Place in the Tabernacle so does His presence indwell us!
Has He not said to many times I will never leave you or forsake you?

When Moses received this promise it was in response to a cry that God was only too pleased to grant.
Moses prayed and said “Show me Thy glory that I may know Thee”. It was another way of saying “prove it to me beyond doubt” and God caused all His goodness to pass before him.
Those who seek Him will find Him. He delights to manifest Himself to us.
Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

He will pour water upon him that is thirsty. He will not despise the prayers of the destitute.
How often we settle for a blessing from God instead of seeking Him for our total provision.
The way into the fullness of blessing is not by seeking a blessing, but by seeking God. “This is eternal life that I may know Thee” (John 17:3), and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.

What His Promises Bring to us.
The presence of God within us will leave His marks upon us.
Moses said “It shall be known that thy people have found grace in that Thou goest with us” (Exodus 33:16).

1. His gracious presence implies that He will supply all our needs according to His riches in Glory.
We are invited to draw upon the fullness of His grace. His grace upon us means He is continually available to us during our journey through this waste land.
Rest every step and in every circumstance on our way through life.
His presence is as constant as the light our sun gives us. Or as the vine gives its sap to the branch, or as
the presence of the mother, brings comfort to the sick child.
"Come unto Me, and I will give you rest." Abide with Me, and your rest will abide. "I will fear no evil for
Thou art with me."
His presence brings complete freedom:-
From the power and torment of sin.
From the deceitfulness of riches.
From the lusts of the flesh.
From the fear of man.
From the cares of this world.
From the anxieties of service.
Come unto Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. "Take My yoke upon you
and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls Matt 11:28 30.
Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another
in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

3. Power of Separation. "Thou goest with us, so shall we be separated" (Exodus 33:16).
His presence with them separated them from the land of Egypt; from the house of bondage.
His presence with Abraham separated him from Ur of the Chaldees, his kindred, his father's house (Gen 12:1).
The holy oil symbolic of the presence of God the Holy Ghost separated Aaron and his sons for the service
of the Lord.
His presence separates.
The presence of God in us will separate us from the deceitful enticements and thoughts of the world, from
the dominion of Satan, and the tyranny of self.
Rom 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? [shall] tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or
famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
Rom 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God,
which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
His invitation to us is 2 Cor 6:17.
Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean; and
I will receive you.
Jude 1:24-25. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the
presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion
and power, both now and ever. Amen. (KJV)
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