

- God's presence is manifest in His word, according to the rabbis of the first and second century.

Questions

1. When we study God's word (the Bible) are we entering into the presence of God?
2. How should we handle God's word?
3. How important is it to have God's word written on our hearts?
 - does this relate to Jesus' words in John 15:7 "if you remain in me and my word remains in you...?"

the word of God

Psalm 119:11

Hide my word in heart
so I do not sin
against you!

- the creative work of God (Genesis 1)
- refers to the mitzvot (commandments) (Deuteronomy 5:5)
- Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord (Deuteronomy 8:3)
- speech addressed to the patriarchs
- the word functions as the Angel of the Lord.
 - wherever the word goes there we find the presence of God.

• Hebrews 1:1-2

→ Before God spoke to us in various ways

- Directly at Sinai
- By Moshe
- By prophets
- By the written word
- By His spirit.

→ In the last days God spoke to us

- By His son.



word of God
(John 8)

• Scripture states that the Lord said His presence will go with His people.

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→ If we study His word, believe in Yeshua, and have the indwelling of the Holy spirit, His presence is with us daily.

The Lord revealing Himself in a New Way? (Page 4)

Exodus 6:3-4 ← The Lord God tells Moses that He only revealed Himself to the patriarchs in a particular way, - at this point, the Lord says He is revealing Himself in a new way.

Question

1. With all that we know about the word of God according to the Hebrew text, the Aramaic targum, and the Septuagint, the word of God becoming flesh (John 1:1-14) was this the Lord revealing Himself in a new way?
2. Would the people of the first century been surprised over John 1:1-14, having read the Aramaic Targum all their lives?

• Establishment of the covenant is the same.

→ in blood

→ according to the Torah

- priest bears iniquity and makes atonement
- scapegoat bears all the sins of the people, sent out of the community to die.
- Yom Kippur (Day of atonement) priest makes atonement on a national basis.
- God's presence involved salvation, deliverance, etc.

→ in Christ dwelled the fullness of the Godhead. (Colossians 2:9)

* Can you see the consistency here? *

Questions

1. How do we know God's presence in our lives today?

The Word of God (Memra, מֵמְרָא)

- the memra (word) is through whom the covenant is established (Genesis 17:7).
- The apostle John was portraying the Messiah as both being a messenger of God who simultaneously shared the very nature of the Lord God Almighty.
- Jesus, as the word of God, brought the salvation of God into the world and revealing to us the meaning of the presence of God in our lives.
 - Jesus made atonement for us and provides us with the continual presence of God in our lives
 - we see God's presence in our lives by the way He works according to His word
 - Healing (health)
 - finances
 - relationships
 - in every way (Romans 8:28)

Questions

1. Have you ever wondered whether God has forgotten you because you can't see Him working?
2. are we looking for the wrong things?
Any Examples?