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How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, Lord Almighty, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Psalms 84:1-4,10

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PEOPLE OF HIS PRESENCE

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The Bible is the story of God's Presence

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1. Garden – Cast out of His Presence
2. Exodus – A Return of His Presence
3. Judges – His Presence Forgotten
4. David and the Ark – His Presence Celebrated
5. Exile into Babylon – The Departure of His Presence
6. Ezra and Nehemiah – 400 Years Without His Presence
7. Jesus – His Presence in a Person and His Ascension
8. The Church and the Holy Spirit – His Presence Dwells in Us
9. Revelation – Dwelling in His Presence Forever

YOU ARE HERE

The abiding presence of the Holy Spirit promises to transform us by:

1. Bearing fruit through us
2. Edifying us with the gifts of the Spirit
3. Leading us as we walk in the Spirit

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Presence in the New Testament sense is experiencing the personal reality of God that is rooted in the Word of God.

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Presence was always the distinguishing element of
the people of God.

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The People of His Presence Value His Presence as Beautiful and Better

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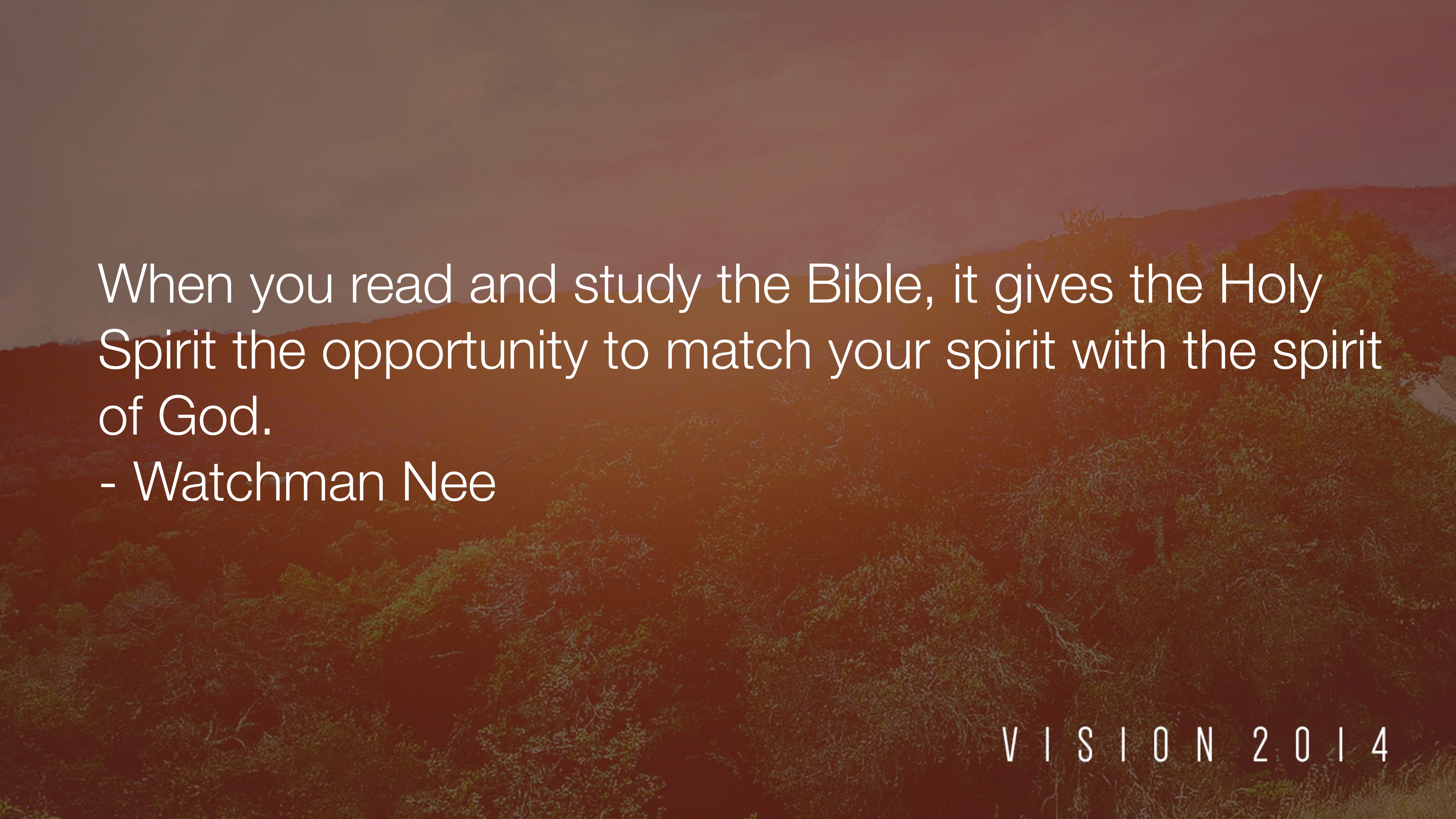
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People of His presence yearn for His presence above all else

“My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the
LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living
God.”

Psalms 84: 2

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When you read and study the Bible, it gives the Holy Spirit the opportunity to match your spirit with the spirit of God.

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Definition of Meditation: Inward encounters where
God marks us and impresses Himself upon us through
His word

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People of His Presence Pursue His Presence through Worship and Praise

Text: “Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they
are ever praising you.”

Psalms 84:4

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