

## Answers: Lesson FOUR: CLI Leadership Bible Study

*How to positively influence the attitudes and actions of others for Jesus Christ*

### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS Lesson 4: The Presence of God

#### **Lesson 4: The Presence of God** (Day One) *Trusting God*

##### **Read Exodus 13:17-18 and answer questions 1-2:**

*When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt."<sup>18</sup> So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt armed for battle. Exodus 13:17-18*

(Underlining in the Bible verses in the answer sheets are by author and for the Bible Minister's benefit in reviewing lessons. Any underlining in the lesson, which is different than the answer sheets, is for emphasis and for the learner's benefit.)

1. Was there another and shorter route to the Promised Land (v. 17)? **Yes** No (Circle One)
2. Name one reason God led the people around by the desert and toward the Red Sea (v.17):
  1. If they faced war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.
  2. We also know this was also a way that God would glorify Himself by parting the Red Sea.

##### **Read Exodus 14:1-2 and answer questions 3-4:**

*Then the LORD said to Moses,<sup>2</sup> "Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon. Exodus 14:1-2*

3. To whom was God speaking and giving leadership directions?

**Moses**

4. What do these verses indicate about God's Presence with Moses?

**God was with Moses and making His Presence known. Moses could hear God's voice.**

*Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!" Exodus 14:12*

5. Read Exodus 14:12. Describe the Israelites' attitude toward their great leader Moses:

Bad attitude; they were belligerent, disrespectful and did not trust Moses.

6. Share a time when you thought you were caught between "the devil and the deep blue sea" (faced with two dangerous alternatives)?

**Personal Answer**

7. How was your attitude similar or different from that of the Israelites?

**Personal Answer**

8. Is there anything happening in your life right now that makes you afraid? Please Explain and share how we can pray for you.

**Personal Answer – Disciple, please write down and pray for this prayer request and write an encouraging comment about it.**

*The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen. Exodus 14:18*

9. Read Exodus 14:18. Name another reason that God had led the people into their current position?

**To gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen. God was in control of this vast and most powerful army of it's time.**

*Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided,<sup>22</sup> and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. Exodus 14:21*

10. Read Exodus 14:21. What miracle had God planned and executed with perfect precision and timing?

**The parting of the Red Sea. God divided the waters so that the Israelites could escape on dry ground.**

*The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen-- the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. Exodus 14:28*

11. Read Exodus 14:28. What happened to the Israelites' enemies?

**The were covered in water and drowned. Not one survived.**

*And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant. Exodus 14:31*

**12.** Read Exodus 14:31. How did the Israelites' attitude change?

**They feared God and put their trust in Him and Moses. Changed in attitude from disrespect to respect; from contempt to reverence.**

*Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock eternal. Isaiah 26:4*

**13.** Read Isaiah 26:4. Why do you think God commands and values your personal trust in Him?

**When we trust God, we are acknowledging that He is truthful, reliable and good. Not trusting God means that we think God is not truthful, reliable or good. We do not believe He is worthy of our confidence and dependence.**

*But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them." Numbers 20:12*

**14.** Read Numbers 20:12. What was the reason God gave to Moses and Aaron for not allowing them to lead the Israelites into the promised land?

**Because they did not trust in God enough to honor Him as holy**

**15. Pray and examine your own motives. Answer the following questions:**

**a.** Do I like to be the center of attention? Yes No Sometimes (Circle One)

**Personal Answer**

**b.** Do I want to command and be served by others? Yes No Sometimes (Circle One)

**Personal Answer**

**c.** Do I want to take credit for being strong, nice, smart or fun? Yes No Sometimes (Circle One)

**Personal Answer**

**d.** Am I proud of my self- reliance and independence? Yes No Sometimes (Circle One)

**Personal Answer**

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**16. Personal Application:**

Write Proverbs 3:5-6 from memory:

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;<sup>6</sup> in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

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**Lesson 4: The Presence of God (Day Two) The Temple of God, Part A**

**Read Exodus 33:13-14 and answer questions 17-20:**

*If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."<sup>14</sup> The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 33:13-14*

17. What did Moses implore (beg) the Lord to do (v. 13a)?

To teach him God's ways.

18. Why did Moses want the LORD to teach him (v. 13b)?

So that Moses could know God and continue to find favor with Him. And in order to lead the nation of Israel.

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**19. Personal Application.** Write Exodus 33:13-14 from memory:

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20. Ask God to speak to you through Exodus 33:13-14. What did God say or impress upon you?

Personal Answer

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**Read Exodus 25:8 and answer questions 21-22:**

*Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Exodus 25:8*

**Definition:** A sanctuary is a holy place designated for worship and meeting with God.

**21.** What did God want the Israelites to make for Him?

*A sanctuary, a dwelling place*

**22.** What was God's promise to them after they built the sanctuary?

*God would dwell, or live among them.*

*Make an atonement cover of pure gold-- two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide.*  
Exodus 25:17

**23.** Read Exodus 25:17. What was made of pure gold?

*Atonement Cover*

*He is to take some of the bull's blood and with his finger sprinkle it on the front of the atonement cover; then he shall sprinkle some of it with his finger seven times before the atonement cover.*  
Leviticus 16:14

**Read Leviticus 16:14 and answer questions 24-25:**

**24.** Where does the priest sprinkle the blood of the sacrificed bull?

*On the front of the atonement cover or (mercy seat)*

**25.** Why was slaughtering innocent animals and sprinkling their blood on the atonement cover necessary?

*The sins of the person(s) were passed onto the innocent animal. The animal was killed for the offense. By this system God proclaimed that sin is hideous and rebellion demands death. See Leviticus 17:11 below*

*For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.* Leviticus 17:11

**Lesson 4: The Presence of God** (Day Three) The Temple of God, Part B

*Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.*  
Exodus 40:34

**26.** Read Exodus 40:34. How did the LORD manifest (make known) Himself to the Israelites?

**By a cloud covering the Tent of Meeting.**

*So the cloud of the LORD was over the tabernacle by day and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel during all their travels.* Exodus 40:38

**27.** Read Exodus 40:38. How did the house of Israel see and feel God's Presence?

**A cloud by day and fire in the cloud by night.**

*The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:<sup>12</sup> When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom.* 2 Samuel 7:11b-12

**28.** Read 2 Samuel 7:11b. What was God's response to David when he wanted to build a royal dwelling place for God?

**LORD himself will establish a house for you**

*Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.* 2 Samuel 7:16

**Definition:** A house in the normal usage of the word is a physical dwelling place where family or related people live together. House in the context of 2 Samuel 7:16 means a royal family line, including ancestors (born before David) and descendants (born after David). God is not talking about a physical building but physical people.

**29.** Read 2 Samuel 7:16. Although God was speaking to King David, who does God ultimately fulfill this promise through (Psalm 89:3-4, Matthew 1:1-16, & Luke 1:31-33)?

**Jesus Christ**

*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."* Revelation 21:3

**30.** Read Revelation 21:3. Where will the dwelling of God be?

**With men – with His people.**

*They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.<sup>5</sup> There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. Revelation 22:4-5*

**31.** Read Revelation 22:4-5. Will you see God's face? Yes No Maybe (Circle One)

**Personal Answer**

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**Personal Application:** Read, mediate and ask God to speak to you through Ephesians 2:13-22:

**32.** What did God impress upon you or tell you?

**Personal Answer**

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**Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 and answer questions 33-34:**

*Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;<sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

**33.** Where is God's holy and sacred dwelling place?

**Our body; it is a temple of the Holy Spirit.**

**34.** How does being God's holy temple change your perspective (outlook) on God's Presence?

**Personal Answer**

**Lesson 4: The Presence of God (Day Four) Fearing God's Presence**

**Read Psalm 66:17-20 (also Isaiah 1:15-16, Psalm 51:11) and answer questions 35-37:**

*I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue.<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;<sup>19</sup> but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer.<sup>20</sup> Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!  
Psalm 66:17-20 (also Isaiah 1:15-16, Psalm 51:11)*

**35.** When we have habitual sin in our lives or hearts, what is something God might not do?

**Not listen to us; not answer our prayers.**

**36.** Why would this be a severe handicap to a Christian leader?

**A Christian leader would have no instructions, guidance, mission or power to accomplish anything good. All a Christian leader is and does is dependent on the triune God.**

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.<sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.<sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. 1 John 1:7-10*

**37.** How does a Christian leader get back into a right relationship with God when he or she has sinned in any way (1 John 1:7-10)?

Confess i.e. agree with God we have sinned, ask forgiveness and repent (stop from wrongdoing).

**38.** How do you think God's disciplinary action with Moses would have affected the others in Israelite camp?

Personal Answer – but they would have seen that God is not to be trifled with or mocked. God is serious about disobedience.

**39.** How should God's disciplinary action with Moses affect you today?

Personal Answer – but hopefully a wake-up call to trust and obey faithfully. And to have reverential fear.

**Read and contemplate (think about) Ezekiel 3:16-21, Acts 18:5-6, 20: 25-31, 1 Timothy 4:14-16, and John 10:1-10 and answer the following questions 40-42:**

**40.** What principle do you see working through these verses in the Old and New Testaments?

We are responsible for our own sin and for giving out the truth about God. However, we are not responsible for the outcome as we share or tell others about the truth.

**41.** How did both the “occupational” watchman and the “spiritual” watchman feel about the people?

They both cared about the people and wanted to protect them. The “occupational” watchman was more concerned with their physical safety while the “spiritual” watchman was more concerned about the safety of their souls.

**42.** As a Christian leader, how do you feel about being a watchman for Christ?

Personal Answer

**Read 1 Samuel 6:19-20, 2 Kings 17:22-23, Ezra 9:13-15, Psalm 90:7-9 and Jeremiah 5:22 and answer question 43:**

**43.** What are some reasons to fear the Lord's Presence?

The LORD's: 1. holiness 2. wrath; righteousness 3. punishment for all, even secret sin 4. sovereignty and rule of all. There may be other answers.

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**Personal Application:**

44. Review today's lesson. Do you still want to be a Christian leader? If yes, how will studying and meditating on the fear of the LORD help you lead?

Personal Answer – but hopefully they still want to be a leader and give God their very best.

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**Lesson 4: The Presence of God** (Day Five) Rejoice and Seek

*However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.* Luke 10:20 (Rejoice: Be glad, celebrate, express joy)

45. According to Luke 10:20, why should you rejoice?

Because name awritten in heaven.

*There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.* 1 John 4:18

46. Read 1 John 4:18. Why should you not fear?

Because in Christ Jesus, in perfect love died on the cross for our sins and took the punishment that we deserve. We do not have to fear punishment for our sins.

*Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.* 1 Peter 2:17

*Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both small and great!"* Revelation 19:5

47. How can you fear God according to 1 Peter 2:17 and Revelation 19:5 and yet not fear (1 John 4:18) and rejoice in God at the same time (Luke 10:20)?

God's Presence through His Holy Spirit brings the right kind of holy fear and joy. When we have the proper fear of God (Proverbs 1:7), we understand what Christ has done for us. We have been saved from God's righteous wrath over our disobedience and sin. Our names are written in heaven therefore sing and rejoice! The fact that the Supreme Ruler has chosen us for Himself causes us to fear Him, not fear man and rejoice!

**Read Exodus 33:15-17 and answer questions 48-53:**

Then Moses said to him, *"If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.<sup>16</sup> How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"<sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."* Exodus 33:15-17

**48.** What distinguished Moses and God’s people from all others (v.16)?

**God’s Presence**

**49.** What should also distinguish Christians from other people (v.16)?

**God’s Presence**

**50.** What was God’s reply to Moses (v.17)?

**God answered Moses positively and will go with him on his mission**

**51.** Ask God’s Presence to go with you wherever you go. What is God’s reply to you?

**Personal Answer**

**52.** Have you ever moved ahead in a plan or project without God? Yes No (Circle One)

**Personal Answer**

**53.** If you answered yes for question 52, explain what happened and what you learned:

**Personal Answer**

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**Personal Application:**

**54. Write Exodus 33:15-17 from memory without looking at the verses:**

*Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.<sup>16</sup> How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"<sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."*

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55. What does God's Presence mean to you?

**Personal Answer**

56. How would you rate your desire for God's Presence in Your life? High Medium Low (Circle One)

**Personal Answer**

*"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"-- which means, "God with us." Matthew 1:23*

57. Read Matthew 1:23. What is another name for Jesus?

**Immanuel or Emmanuel**

58. Meditate upon and read Romans 5:8, 6:23, 8:1-4, Galatians 3:26-4:7, Jude 1:24. How do you know God is pleased with you?

**Personal Answer – but should include gift of Jesus and His payment of our sins on the cross.**

**Read Hebrews 10:22 and answer questions 59-61:**

*let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.*  
Hebrews 10:22

59. What is keeping you from enjoying the fullness of the Lord's Presence?

**Personal Answer**

60. How may we pray for you in regard to the Lord's Presence in your life?

**Personal prayer request: "Bible Minister" – please make sure that you pray for this prayer request. Thank you.**

61. What is the remedy (cure) for a guilty conscience?

**Faith that Jesus has died and paid the punishment for my sins. And living in that faith by obeying and following Jesus each day.**

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**Personal Application:**

Be happy toward everyone you come into contact today. Practice expressing this joy for the next week until it becomes a “happy habit.”

**62.** Write how your expressing joy affected (moved) you and/or another person:

**Personal Answer**

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**End Lesson 4 Answers**

**Next: Lesson 5: Leading by Example**

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