

VISITATION & HABITATION IN YOUR LIFE

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Introduction: I believe this is one of the most important topics we could talk about. The fact is that this generation of believers needs to know about the topic we are about to discover. This short study, I believe is going to change your life. This message will make you see through spiritual eyes and lead you into a great revelation and grip of your relationship with God. **Shepherd*

“VISITATION”

The concept of "visitation" in the presence of God within the spiritual realm is both profound and richly layered. *It highlights the intimate, personal nature of our relationship with the divine.* In our New Covenant it offers a tapestry of accounts that detail individuals encountering God *in strikingly tangible and transformative ways.* These "visitations" were not fleeting moments; they were *profound experiences* that indelibly shaped the lives of those involved. God's word is filled with these visitations and shows us *the beginning and end* of how our Lord engages us in His great adventure *which is filled with His blessing for obeying Him.*

When we step into a "visitation," we find ourselves at the threshold of both an entrance and an exit. Unlike "habitation" which this study outline will express shortly, you will note the difference between the two.

This sacred moment of "visitation" you will find carries a divine purpose, inviting us to recognize His remarkable presence and the significance of our encounter. Often, we come to understand the weight of this "visit" and the profound reasons behind His arrival. Once the purpose becomes crystal clear and defined, we feel an irresistible tug to become co-laborers in the majestic unfolding of God's plan. How great is that!

The Amazing Examples of Co-laboring with The Master

A particularly striking example is the visitation of the angel Gabriel to Mary, beautifully recounted in the Gospel of Luke. Gabriel's appearance to Mary, a humble young woman betrothed to Joseph, was anything but incidental. It marked a divine intervention—an encounter laden with immense weight and significance. The angel's proclamation, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28), conveyed a message of divine grace and favor. Mary was chosen to bear the Messiah, a role that would irrevocably alter the course of human history. This visitation was not merely a personal encounter; it was a pivotal moment in the unfolding of God's grand plan for salvation.

Becoming Part of a Turning Point

Another compelling and vital example is the visitation of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples during Pentecost. This momentous event, described in Acts 2, marked a definitive turning point in the early Christian church. The disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, began to speak in both heavenly utterances at first in the upper room and then outside, in different country's languages expressing the wonderful works of God as a witness to all unbelievers —*an extraordinary demonstration of God's limitless power!* This visitation powerful *transcended individual experience, igniting a bold mission* that propelled the disciples to spread the gospel to the farthest reaches of the earth.

Commitment to God's Plains – Walking in God's Will – Experiencing God's Protection
Moreover, *the book of Acts* recounts the miraculous intervention of an angel visiting Peter while he lay imprisoned. In this dramatic encounter, detailed in Acts 12, *God intervened directly to protect Peter from persecution.* The angel appeared in a blinding light, commanding Peter to rise and follow him. *This visitation showcased the power and protection of God,* serving to deepen Peter's faith and reaffirm his unwavering commitment to the gospel.

Shaping History

These examples merely scratch the surface of the myriad visitations captured within the New Testament. Each encounter, unique in context and manifestation, reveals the profoundly personal nature of God's relationship with humanity. These visitations are not figments of imagination; *they represent tangible experiences that have significantly shaped history and continue to inspire faith in believers today.* Reflecting on these divine encounters, one cannot overlook *the undeniable power and intimacy of God's presence.* These experiences, often portrayed in supernatural terms, unveil a deeper truth about the nature of our relationship with God. They remind us that He is not really distant or unapproachable—rather, *He is actively engaged in our lives, offering guidance, comfort, and unwavering strength.*

“HABITATION”

The concept of "inhabit" or "habitation" is rich with significance within Christian faith, particularly when examining the relationship between believers and the divine. *It evokes a deep, intimate presence—a sacred dwelling where the human and divine converge.* This exploration of God's indwelling within believers in Messiah Yahshua illuminates how this "habitation" not only transforms our lives *but also empowers us to embrace a new and extraordinary existence.*

The New Covenant is filled with passages that articulate this profound affirmation. One of the most striking verses is found in John 14:10, where Yahshua proclaims, "Do you not believe that *I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?* The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own authority; *but the Father who dwells within Me,* does the

works. Here, Yahshua unveils a beautiful truth: *the Father dwells within Him, just as He dwells within the Father.* This reciprocal relationship of *shared habitation forms the cornerstone of understanding the indwelling of the Holy Spirit among believers.*

Ephesians 2:22 further expands this concept beautifully when Paul writes, "In Him you also are being *built together into a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.*"

The New You

This vivid imagery powerfully conveys how believers are intricately crafted into *a splendid spiritual temple*, serving as a *hallowed dwelling place for the Divine.* We are not mere *passive vessels harboring His presence*; rather, *we are dynamic co-laborers in this divine architecture, actively engaged in shaping and nurturing a sanctuary that radiates His glory in our world.* Each of us holds *a vital role in this sacred space*, contributing our *unique gifts and experiences* with Messiah to cultivate a thriving spiritual community that embodies the love and grace of the Almighty. In this collaborative journey, *we become living stones, unified in purpose and spirit*, creating a *profound witness* to the transformative *power of faith.*

The profound truth that believers are *considered temples* is *powerfully reaffirmed* in 1 Corinthians 3:16: "Do you not know that *you are the temple of God* and that *the Spirit of God dwells in you?*" This declaration underscores the transformational nature of the Holy Spirit's indwelling. We are not simply human beings; *we are now vessels of the divine, elevated beyond our former earthly limitations.*

The Enhabiting Factor

Moreover, John 15:4 invites us into *a profound connection* as Yahshua urges us, "*INHABIT Me, and I INHABIT you.*" This *mutual indwelling* signifies that our *spiritual vitality and fruitfulness stem from this sacred partnership.* Our life within Messiah Yahshua and Yahshua' Spirit empowerment brings fruitfulness *through His powerful indwelling stream.* Rivers of supernatural water flow from His throne to us to be filled and refilled within us and since we are indwelling and Him within us, allowing time for being with Him daily, the fruitfulness of His will moves through us to meet the thirst and needy.

Further deepening *this intimate relationship*, John 14:23 declares, "Whoever loves Me will *keep [guard] My word [within their heart]*, and My Father will love him, and *We [the Godhead] will come to him and make Our home with him – INHABITING.*" This verse speaks of *a spiritual vital union*, a shared life filled with His daily presence, where *Yahshua, the Father, and His Spirit dwell within the believer.*

The inhabiting of the Holy Spirit *is not a passive experience; it is a dynamic empowerment that propels believers into a transformed life*, characterized by *the fruit of the Spirit*, as outlined in Galatians 5:22-23: love, joy, peace, and in 1 Corinthians chapter 12, the gifts of the Spirit. These beautiful and powerful qualities bloom

naturally, daily, from the Holy Spirit's presence within us, reshaping our character to be like Him, embrace His purpose, by given the empowerment through the spiritual gifts of His power.

Habitation Of Oneness – Habitation In The Multi Complexity of the Godhead
One of the best New Covenant scripture passage which speaks of habitation is also found in John 17:22b – 23 ...“so that they might be ONE as WE ARE ONE. ... So that they all might be ONE, as You, Father, are within Me [habitation], and I am within You [habitation], so that they too might be ONE with Us [habitation], so that the world might believe that You have sent me. 23. “I [habituating] Them, and You [habituating] Me, so that they might be perfected into ONE [habitation], so that the world knows that You have sent Me, and have loved Them as You love Me.

An Indwelling Authority Through An Abiding Anointing
Additionally, 1 John 2:20 speaks of the anointing bestowed upon us by the Holy One, endowing believers with divine wisdom and authority for ministry and service. This anointing equips us to fulfill God's unique calling and make a meaningful impact in the world.

Finally, the Holy Spirit's indwelling gifts believers with supernatural abilities, enabling us to carry out God's work through acts of prophecy, healing, and miracles, as noted in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11. These gifts are not for our own glory but are intended to edify the body of Messiah and propel the mission of the gospel forward.

Summery:

The understanding of dwelling [habitation within us and Him in us] is a reference to the believer's faith unveiled. This unveiling portrays and confirms a transformative and deeply personal relationship between God and believers. It is not merely a passive experience but an exhilarating journey of active participation in God's oneness within us. This indwelling empowers us to live lives marked by His purpose, enriched by the fruit and gifts of the Spirit, flowing within us by means of being inhabited. It is a Kingdom lifestyle radiating with daily divine anointing and glory; an existence filled with impact and extraordinary power making it possible in being co-laborer by our vital connection with our Creator.



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