

Questions About God's Presence Making a Person, Place, Time, and Thing Holy

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Does the Presence of the Lord make an experience Holy...a day, a time, an assembly?

Answer:

Yes — absolutely. The **Presence of the Lord** is what makes something **holy** — whether a day, a moment, a place, or a people. Throughout Scripture, **God's presence is the defining mark of holiness**. Let's explore this idea through biblical examples:

1. The Presence of the Lord Makes a Day Holy

God's **presence in time** made the **Sabbath** holy:

"And on the seventh day God ended His work... and **God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it**: because that in it He had rested from all His work." — *Genesis 2:2–3*

He didn't just rest — He **blessed** and **sanctified** the seventh day. His **presence in that time** set it apart. This is **why** the Sabbath is holy — not because of human tradition, but because **God made it holy with His presence**.

2. The Presence of the Lord Makes a Place Holy

When Moses approached the burning bush:

"Draw not nigh hither: **put off thy shoes from off thy feet**, for the place whereon thou standest is **holy ground**." — *Exodus 3:5*

The ground wasn't holy because of geography — it was holy because **God was there**. His **presence** made it sacred.

Likewise, when Solomon dedicated the temple:

"...the glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord." — *1 Kings 8:11*

“...the priests could not stand to minister... for the glory of the Lord had filled the house.”

God’s **indwelling glory** is what consecrates a building — or a people.

3. The Presence of the Lord Makes an Assembly Holy

When believers gather with the right heart, God promises:

“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, **there am I in the midst of them.**” — *Matthew 18:20*

It’s not the number — it’s the **name and presence** that make it holy.

Even in the Old Testament:

“I will **meet with the children of Israel**, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory.” — *Exodus 29:43*

When God shows up, the **meeting becomes holy**.

4. The Presence of the Lord Makes a Person Holy

God said: “Be ye holy; for I am holy.” — *Leviticus 11:44 (Repeated in 1 Peter 1:16)*

We are not holy by ourselves. But when the **Holy Spirit dwells in us**, we are made holy:

“Know ye not that **ye are the temple of God**, and that the **Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**” — *1 Corinthians 3:16*

God’s presence **within you** is what sanctifies your life.

Summary Answer

Yes — the presence of the Lord makes an experience holy.

- A **day** (like the Sabbath)
- A **place** (like the burning bush or the temple)
- A **gathering** (when believers unite in His name)
- A **person** (when indwelt by the Holy Spirit)

Holiness is not manufactured by humans — it is **given** by the God who enters into **time, space, and relationship** with us.