



REFLECTIONS

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"But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut the door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. "

Matthew 6:6 NKJV

Your Secret Place

Almighty God will join you there. Remember that when you go into your room to pray. He will be there for you and to listen to you; yet the very thought of his presence may make you so uneasy that your thoughts lean more toward the people who might be listening in. Not your Father.

It happened to Peter, James and John when they found themselves viewing God's kingdom the day Jesus led them up a high mountain. *There [Jesus] was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. And a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"*

When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. (Matthew 17:2-3, 5-8)

So, when you enter your room to pray, don't be afraid. Remember you will be as close to God's kingdom as you will be in this lifetime. Let appeals in your eyes beam from heartfelt love for the Father. Then, *enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name saying:*

Our Father in heaven, / Hallowed be Your name. / Your kingdom come. / Your will be done / On earth as it is in heaven. / Give us this day our daily bread. / And forgive us our debts, / As we forgive our debtors. / And do not lead us into temptation, / But deliver us from the evil one. / For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. (Matthew 6:9-13 NKJV)

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