

By Royal Invitation.

by Gareth Evans

The sermon emphasizes the importance of truly experiencing and worshipping God, rather than just singing about Him.

Scripture: Psalm 27:4, John 4:23, Philippians 3:8

Topics: "Intimacy With God", "Spiritual Growth"

Description

Gareth Evans delivers a powerful sermon using the analogy of being invited to the palace to have a meal with the King. He describes the journey through different rooms filled with treasures and wonders, symbolizing the different aspects of God's kingdom and the spiritual blessings available to us. The sermon emphasizes the importance of not just admiring the gifts and blessings of God, but seeking a personal encounter and relationship with the King Himself. It challenges believers to move beyond surface-level praise and worship to a deeper, intimate connection with God.

Transcript

I was very excited as I had been invited to the palace to have a meal with the King. With the other guests I was ushered into the great hallway, by the king's servant. He began to tell us of the wonders of this great kingdom and to describe some of the beautiful things we would soon see.

He opened one of the many doors leading off the hallway and we were led into a large room decorated with many fine paintings. There were landscapes showing the most beautiful scenes from around the kingdom, but the ones that pleased me the most were portraits of the king himself from the time when He was small prince until the present time when He was displayed in regal glory.

After we had expressed our praise of His beauty we were led back into the hallway to enter another door. This room contained magnificent armour belonging to the king and his warriors. There were swords and shields of great strength, breastplates and helmets that would stand any amount of beating from an enemy. "Any soldier would be proud to wear such armour," I thought as we were once again led into the hallway.

A door stood slightly ajar as we crossed the hall so I glanced in. There stood the King Himself, behind a banquet table laden with magnificent food. He saw me and beckoned for me to enter, but at that moment, our guide pushed the door closed and led us into another room. This was also full of magnificent treasures belonging to the King - but I had lost interest as I had seen the King Himself and nothing else would

satisfy.

After a few more visits to other rooms we were led back out of the palace. Others were thrilled by what they had seen but I knew what they had not seen and I was saddened.

How often I have joined in the singing of Praises that have been just like my story. We sang about the King and His beauty; we proclaimed His power to overcome in Spiritual warfare; we gave testimony of what He has done in our lives but we never came into His presence to worship Him! How sad!

The Lord is still seeking those who will worship Him in spirit and in truth.

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