



When Heaven Shows Up | Pastor Duaine Johnson

MESSAGE SUMMARY

Pastor Duaine reminds us that the Holy Spirit not only lives in us, but desires to manifest His presence *through* us. God is calling His church back to order — to a place of power, purity, and awareness of His presence. Too often, believers go through life unaware that “God is in this place.” Yet when we live conscious of His nearness, His presence, everything changes: our faith grows, our worship deepens, and our lives reflect heaven’s reality on earth.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WE ARE THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD

God has called us not to visit His presence, but to carry it. The Holy Spirit lives in every believer, making us **His** temple. Our identity is rooted in being God’s house — His dwelling on earth.

Questions:

1. What does it mean for you personally that you are a “dwelling place of God in the Spirit”? (*Ephesians 2:19–22*)
2. How does understanding that God lives in you change how you face daily situations? (*1 Corinthians 6:19–20*)
3. Why is spiritual growth (“being built together”) essential for God’s presence to manifest more fully in your life? (*Colossians 2:6–7*)

GOD IS CALLING HIS HOUSE BACK TO ORDER

God is raising His standard in the church — in purity, prayer, and power. He is calling believers to be people of *character* and *impact*. The Holy Spirit transforms us so that heaven can flow freely through us.

Questions:

1. What areas of your life might God be raising His standard in this season? (*1 Peter 4:17; Philippians 1:6*)
2. Why must power and integrity work together for the church to be effective? (*Galatians 5:22–23; Acts 1:8*)
3. What does it practically look like to represent God well in both words and actions? (*Matthew 5:16*)



When Heaven Shows Up | Pastor Duaine Johnson

LIVING AWARE THAT “GOD IS IN THIS PLACE”

Jacob declared, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.” Like Jacob, many of us miss the moments when God shows up because we are distracted or unaware. God’s presence is not a feeling — it’s a fact. We must engage Him by faith and expectation.

Questions:

1. What are some reasons people miss or ignore the presence of God even when He’s near? (*Genesis 28:16–17*)
2. How can we cultivate an atmosphere — in our hearts, homes, or gatherings — that invites the presence of God? (*Psalms 22:3; James 4:8*)
3. How does living with the awareness that “God is here” change the way you pray, worship, or respond to challenges? (*Matthew 18:20; Hebrews 13:5*)

WRAP UP

When we recognize that “God is in this place,” everything changes. His presence brings healing, deliverance, and transformation. The Holy Spirit empowers us not only to experience God, but to demonstrate His Kingdom wherever we go.

Group Challenge: Take time in to pause in silence and invite the Holy Spirit to make His presence known. Listen, pray, and then share what God is speaking.

Personal Challenge: Each morning this week, declare aloud: “*God is in this place — in me, in my home, and in my day.*” Live with awareness and expectation of His presence.