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- Assumption: Most of you are here because you want to experience more of God's presence in your life. (going where God dwells)
- Isaiah 57:15, "For this is what the high and exalted One says – he who lives forever, whose name is holy; 'I live in a high and holy place, but also with those who are contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.'"



- Why does God list two very dissimilar places as His dwelling place? What do they have in common?
- They both recognize who God is, and they both give God room to be God. This is the key to making our hearts a dwelling place for God.



- **First, the person who makes their heart God's home recognizes who God is.** Isaiah 57:15, “For this is what the *high and exalted* One says – he who *lives forever*, whose *name is holy* . . .”
- There is none like God. Isaiah knows who God is from firsthand experience. He had a visionary experience with God, and He saw God's glory. He records the experience in Isaiah 6



- Isaiah 6:1-3, “In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.’”



- **First, the person who makes their heart God's home recognizes who God is.** Isaiah 57:15, “For this is what the *high and exalted* One says – he who *lives forever, whose name is holy . . .*”
- God is so beautiful, so unique, so holy, so awe-inspiring, these angelic creatures of supreme intelligence can fly around his throne in His presence continually & never plummet the depths of God Himself. (Ocean lovers; Mountain lovers; God lovers)



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- Only the contrite can see God for who he is. James says, “God opposes the proud, but he gives grace to the humble.” (pausing in his presence)
- The love affair will have ups & downs.
(wandering; the attraction of a contrite heart)



- **Second the person who makes their heart God's home gives God room to be God.** We must give God his proper place. And his proper place is on the throne room. He sits on the throne of heaven. And he wants to sit on the throne of your heart. The person who makes room for God surrenders to his Lordship. Isaiah 57:15, “I live in a high and holy place, but also with those who are contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.””



- **Second the person who makes their heart God's home gives God room to be God.**
- How do we give God room to be God? In every situation that comes our way in life there are two key questions: First, what is God saying about this situation? And second, what will you do about it? The humble & contrite find what God wants & they do it! No matter what. And this attitude makes room for God in their heart.



- **Second the person who makes their heart God's home gives God room to be God.**
- Find what God wants & do it. No matter what. (e.g., moral choices; life decisions)
- In our day and age less and less people are giving this sort of Holy Allegiance to God. More & more people are picking & choosing where they will follow God. God will still love us. But, this attitude *greatly* hinders God's activity in our lives.



- **Second the person who makes their heart God's home gives God room to be God.**
- God dwells with the lowly & contrite of heart. God wants to dwell with you, He wants to make His home with you. He loves you. But, you must choose to give Him access to the throne of your heart, out of a heart full of grateful love for the One who died for you. (alignment)



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