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While the Apostle John was in prison, he received revelation in prayer.

Revelation 4:1-2 (NIV). "After this I looked, and there <u>before me</u> was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, <u>Come up here, and I</u> will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven..."

Paul's prayer for the Church (You and I):

Ephesians 1:17-18a "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you..."

MEDITATION FOR WEEK 4:

COME TO MT. ZION TO MEET WITH GOD IN THE SECRET PLACE Hebrews 12:22-24

"But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all people, to the spirits of righteous people made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than that of Abel."

- 1. **Angels** are to minister to you (Hebrews 1:14) bringing provision (Ps. 103:20, ascending and descending).
- 2. God-Judge of all (Ps. 97:2). God will do the right thing for you.
- 3. The Church, spirits of people made perfect. (Hebrews 12:1) the cloud of witnesses cheering you on in the race of life.
- 4. **Jesus**, mediator of new covenant. Better promises. (Hebrews 8:6). Bring a promise before Jesus Christ.
- 5. The Sprinkled blood is the blood of the Lamb of God. It speaks for you and is better than Abel's sacrifice of animals. (1 Pet. 1:18)



WEEK 4: DISCOVERING THE PLACE OF DREAMS & VISIONS

In the Kingdom	of God, there are no extraordinary people, only
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	EPHESIANS 3:20 (MSG)
"God can do a	ything, you know- far more than you could ever imagine oguess or request in your wildest DREAMS!"
Definition of a	Oream:

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-10 (NIV)

"However, as it is written: `No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him'- but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit."

ACTS 2:17-18 (NIV)

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see VISIONS, your old men will DREAM DREAMS. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy."

THE OPEN DOOR TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD:

Doors can have spiritual implications in your life. We saw previously that Jesus is the door to our salvation (John 10:9). So, in the Bible, a door can represent an entrance to such things as salvation, discipleship, worship, and ministry. A door can also represent an entrance into God's presence.

In the Old Testament, Moses went to meet with God on Mount Sinai, but the people were afraid.

Exodus 20:18-19 (NIV) "When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, 'Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die."

God instructed Moses to build a tabernacle, or a meeting place.

Exodus 25:22 (NIV) "There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the Testimony, I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites."

JESUS OPENED UP THE DOOR (VEIL) TO GOD'S PRESENCE

Matthew 27:50-51 (NIV) "And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the <u>curtain of the temple</u> was torn into two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split."

Hebrews 10:19-22 "Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to ENTER the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way OPENED FOR US THROUGH THE CURTAIN, that is, HIS BODY... let us draw near to God with a sincere heart..."

GOD'S PRESENCE IS A PLACE OF:

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n God's presence we will find all that we need. We were made to enjoy the presence of God.
Psalm 16:11 (NLT) "You will show me the way of life, granting me the JOY OF YOUR PRESENCE and the pleasures of living with you forever."
Psalm 37:4 (NIV) "Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart."
'Delight" (Strong's #6026, Anag) means
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Jesus taught his disciples about how to meet with God in prayer.
Matthew 6:6 (NIV) "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father WHO IS IN THE SECRET PLACE; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."
The "Secret place" is not a physical place you prepare to meet with God without distractions. It is a place.
Psalm 31:20 (NKJV) "You shall hide them in the SECRET PLACE OF YOUR PRESENCE"
When we meet with God in the secret place of His presence we don't have to come but can come
Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) "Let us therefore come BOLDLY to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."