
Preface



“Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the Lord spoke in that day...” —Joshua 14:12

Welcome to the story of Presence Ministries. Like Caleb’s story of old, this is a story of courage. It is a story of another mountain man who was not content to live on the plains, but was compelled to take the high ground. That man is my father, Max King.

Like Caleb, Max was driven by God’s promise. He had a vision that his descendants could live on high ground. He felt that the giants of dogma should not stand in the way of the church’s receiving its inheritance.

Max King dared to take his Bible at face value, rather than impose a foreign reading upon it. With no formal education and no mentors to point the way, Max King unraveled a “Rubik’s Cube” of New Testament scholarship that had vexed 20th century scholars.

Max refused to see redemption as an unfinished project. Instead, he saw the Bible as a fulfilled story. Through his groundbreaking books, he shed new light on scriptures that

seem all too familiar. He placed Jesus in a context that showed he was not focused on the end of time, but his own time. He affirmed the credibility of Jesus by showing he predicted his return would happen as the Jewish temple was removed, forty years after the Cross.

Today Max King is widely credited for bringing this field of Covenant Eschatology to the forefront of biblical theology, also known as the Transmillennial® view. But Max's story is far from just another "man-movement-monument" saga.

Max's story has now become the story of the Presence movement. Like every good story, this one twists and turns. It is full of irony and pathos. It is the story of how thousands of people have discovered a new sense of God's presence in their daily lives by understanding the biblical promises and their fulfillment.

Today a new breed of believers is taking this presence beyond all boundaries, rejecting any latter-day Pharisees who make declarations about who is "in" or "out" of the "much more" grace of God (Rom. 5).

So, grab a cup of coffee, find a comfortable chair and come along with us in a story that for years has been a part of our lives – a story that we pray will soon be a part of yours.

I am confident you will discover the mountain of the Lord in a way beyond your wildest dreams, and end up saying with Caleb, "Give me this mountain" that the Lord has promised.

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