

The Master's Presence

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water."—John 4:10

The story is told about one of the world's greatest violinists, Josh Bell. Two days after playing to a sold out crowd who paid \$100 a seat, Josh Bell went into Washington DC Metro Station and played six Bach pieces as the people hurried by hardly noticing. Only six people stopped and stayed for a while. About 20 dropped him some money totally \$32.

After about one hour, He stopped playing. No one noticed. No one applauded. Hearers did not realize that they had been listening to a master play some of the most intricate pieces on a violin worth \$3.5 million.

What a shame that the crowd did not realize they were in the presence of a master. Perhaps if they had known the master, they would have appreciated the music and taken advantage of the opportunity to sit in his presence and listen.

This serves as a reminder that some people will pass on their busy way and not realize that God has given them the opportunity to sit in the Master's presence and partake of the blessing of His word. Many people pass by, but only a few stop to listen. Only a few honor Him with their gifts and those gifts serve as only a meager token of appreciation for what He has provided.

What a shame that even some who do stop, do not take time to fully appreciate the beauty of being in the Master's presence.