

## Know Him Face To Face, Don't Fear His Love

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Gene 1:1-2 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness [was] upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Exod 33:10-11 And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand [at] the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man [in] his tent door. And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

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Moses wanted to know God deeply.

- He spoke to God face to face.
- God does not have a physical face, but the Bible explains what the idiom meant.
- As a man speaketh unto his friend.

The face of God speaks of His Spirit.

- God's Spirit moved upon the face of the waters.
- Waters speak of multitudes of people.

Reve 17:15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

- God does not switch symbols in His Word.
- Waters mean peoples.

And we also read:

2Cor 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, [even] as by the Spirit of the Lord.

With OPEN FACE.

- We behold God's glory and are changed into the same image.
- A few verses before this we read of Moses and his face veiled.

2Cor 3:13-14 And not as Moses, [which] put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which [vail] is done away in Christ.

- The veil can be removed!

2Cor 3:16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.

The people of Israel could not see to the end, the purpose, of the Law.

- This was represented when they veiled Moses' face.

God's great purpose is to love mankind deeply.

- Israel could not get the point.
- Ritual repeated itself in Law year after year.
- And when New Testament time came, ritual was removed.
- But people continue to cycle through rituals.
- People brought ritual into Christianity.
- Ritual is not Christianity.
- The rituals of the Old Testament were symbolic of pattern of how to spiritually know God.

Flesh came between God and man in the Garden.

- Adam sinned, and sin entered into man's flesh.
- Man's flesh veiled him away from God.
- Flesh gives us trouble to this day.

Adam and God dwelt together in a place that could be called the Most Holy.

- When Adam sinned, God drove him from the Garden.
- Cherubims were placed at the entrance to protect the way.
- This is interesting because cherubims were embroidered in the veil that protected the way into the most holy place of the tabernacle. (Ex. 26:31).
- We understand the meaning behind cherubims at the entrance of the Garden by studying the purpose of the veil.
- The veil is your flesh.
- It keeps you out of the most holy place.
- God said, "Man, your flesh came between us!"

From Exodus chapter 24 through the chapter 31 we read of instructions given to the tabernacle construction.

- And a veil was mentioned that barred man out of the holiest place.
- Then we read in Chapter 32 that Israel made a golden idol.
- Fleshliness.
- They gave in to their flesh.
- They were thrown further away from God.

Then we read that Moses built the tabernacle in Chapter 33:7.

- V. 8 -- Moses stood outside the tabernacle.
- V. 9 -- Moses goes into the tabernacle and the glory cloud comes down.
- THIS IS SYMBOLIC OF WHAT WAS OCCURRING WITH MOSES AND GOD.
- He entered into the presence of God.
- V. 11 - Speaks of Moses talking to God face to face.
- In the midst of all the evil and carnality of Israel, Moses seeks to know God (V. 13).
- God says, "I give you rest" (v. 14).
- V. 18 -- Show me thy glory.

In Chapter 34:6 Moses saw that glory.

- And God spoke of mercy and love and forgiveness as He displayed His glory.

Then we read:

Exod 34:29-30 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him. And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.

Exod 34:33-34 And [till] Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face. But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel [that] which he was commanded.

Moses saw glory.

- That glory was God's love and mercy.
- But the people feared it.
- They were afraid of God's live.
- They veiled Moses' face that shoe with that same glory.
- Their flesh separated them.

Today, people feel the Holy Ghost and are afraid.

- They touch the supernatural presence of God and they become afraid.
- DON'T BE AFRAID OF GOD'S LOVE.
- If He touches you, He is simply reaching out in love.
- He would never hurt you nor make a fool of you.
- Those who are timid of God's moving are VEILED!

They need their veils rent.

- What would God be able to do if we kept the flesh from hindering Him from having his way?
- I cannot have you hear me preach about it and stir you to let God have his way with you, only to see you go back to the same old way again?
- You need to eat your spiritual food and not just look at your food I preach to you.

God's love for them was the best thing for them.

- But it was the best thing for them.
- Powerful love.
- The greatest love that can be known.
- Concentrated love may scare some people, but it is concentrated perfect care.

He knows what you need.

- He understands what you need.
- So when He moves on you He is helping meet those needs that He perfectly understands -- perfectly.
- So, when you feel Him move upon you know that it is just the perfect manner you need to be dealt with.
- DO NOT BE AFRAID OF GOD'S LOVE.
- It is what He created you for.

Talk to Him face to face.

- Your face to his face.
- Your spirit to His Spirit.
- Heart to heart.

Israel was afraid.

- But it was love that Moses saw.

Mercy was behind the veil in the holiest.

- The mercy seat was behind the veil.

When my wife walked up the aisle to take my name, her face was veiled.

- She removed it after she and I vowed to love each other for ever.
- Something between us was removed.

Mercy was veiled away in the Holiest.

- MERCY.

- And yet you may be so afraid.

Hebr 4:16 **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**

- Come BOLDLY to the throne of God.
- This hints that people are likely to be afraid to come to one they need to come to more than anything else.

Our enemy -- THIS FLESH.

- Flesh blocking us.

Gala 5:24 **And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.**

How is our flesh crucified?

- Christ died as us.
- His flesh became our flesh.

Gene 3:8-10 **And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where [art] thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I [was] naked; and I hid myself.**

God did not mean Adam harm!

- He came to help.

Gene 3:21 **Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of**

skins, and clothed them.

- He came to clothe them.

When Israel was ready to enter Canaan, their rest, the best thing for them, and Jordan swelled.

Josh 3:15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)

Jordan represents flesh.

- Flesh veils.
- What did God do?

Josh 3:16 That the waters which came down from above stood [and] rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that [is] beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, [even] the salt sea, failed, [and] were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.

God divided it.

- When you get the veil divided, something happens.
- From ADAM to the DEAD SEA, our journey was death.
- We were cut off from that journey and rescued.

Mark 15:37-38 And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

Jesus got rid of the veil that hindered us.

- The Bride's veil was gone!

2Cor 3:16-17 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord [is], there [is] liberty.

His flesh counted as our flesh!

- When His flesh broke in death, His veil rent, it was our flesh that was rent.
- Sin was in our flesh.

Roma 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Cherubim blocked, in the veil, and ripped along with the veil.

- Cherubims represent the church.
- His flesh became our veiling.
- And he doomed sin that was in it.
- Don't let the flesh rise up and take you back into fear again!

Roma 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

How can we not be in the flesh?

- Christ's flesh became our flesh and our flesh was rent on the cross.
  - And do not fear God now.
  - Do not fear people either.
  - Do the will of God and enter on into the most glorious!
  - The most holiest!
  - The most righteous!
  - REST!
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