

## Further Up and Further In!

Exodus 24:9-18

### I. They Saw God (v. 9-11)

A. **Looking at God was supposed to be \_\_\_\_\_!**

God said to Moses in Exodus 33:20, *“no one may see me and live.”*

B. **What, exactly, did they see?**

*“They saw the God of Israel. \_\_\_\_\_ was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself.”*

They seem to have become really acquainted with the floor, which suggests that they fell on their faces.

C. **Moses struggled to put what he saw into \_\_\_\_\_**

Even the floor under God’s feet defied description!

All Moses could say was that it was *“something like.”*

God has revealed enough of Himself in his Word and in \_\_\_\_\_ for us to know Him and love Him.

The gift of seeing him is only given to those who believe.

*“Without faith it is \_\_\_\_\_ to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him” (Heb. 11:6).*

D. **Israel’s elders were granted the exceptional \_\_\_\_\_ of seeing God**

### II. They Ate and Drank with God

In those days, after people made a \_\_\_\_\_, they would often sit down and share a meal together.

So Israel’s leaders eating and drinking on the mountain showed that they had fellowship with God.

A. **Few things establish a greater sense of \_\_\_\_\_ than sharing a meal**

There is something about eating and drinking with other people that fosters friendship

*They not only saw God, but they also ate and drank with him (v.11b).*

B. **The theme of “Eating and Drinking with God” runs throughout Scripture**

Abraham invited 3 strangers to enjoy the *shade of a tree, water, baked bread, a tender calf, & milk (Gen.18)*

Isaiah promised that one day God would \_\_\_\_\_ with his people at a great banquet:

*“On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine — the best of meats and the finest of wines” (Isa. 25:6).*

C. **Jesus often described his kingdom in terms of eating and drinking**

He said, *“The kingdom of heaven is like a \_\_\_\_\_ who prepared a wedding banquet for his son.” Matt 22*

D. **God is always busy handing out invitations to His Feast.**

Every time the gospel is preached, people are \_\_\_\_\_ to eat and drink with God.

God is getting ready to throw the best banquet of all, *“the wedding supper of the Lamb.” (Rev. 19:9)*

The only way to RSVP for that great banquet is to \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ for salvation.

The only way to enter the wedding banquet is to be \_\_\_\_\_ in the blood and righteousness of Christ!

**E. Is this the kind of relationship you have with God?**

Jesus said, *“Here I am! I stand at the door and \_\_\_\_\_. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me”* (Rev. 3:20).

**III. Entering Into God’s Glory**

*“The LORD said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain and stay here’”* (Exod. 24:12a).

**A. Moses went “further \_\_\_\_\_” the mountain & “further \_\_\_\_\_” the cloud of glory**

*When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.* (v. 15-18)

Moses had been getting closer and closer to God ever since the Exodus started

**B. God \_\_\_\_\_ his glory to Moses in the burning bush.**

God revealed his glory again through the \_\_\_\_\_ on Egypt

He \_\_\_\_\_ His people with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm

He \_\_\_\_\_ them through the sea, guided them through the wilderness, and gave them His Law.

He \_\_\_\_\_ Moses, *“I will gain glory for myself”* (Ex. 14:4).

Exodus is the story of God \_\_\_\_\_ one Glorious thing after another

He \_\_\_\_\_ them in a fiery pillar of cloud, which was another visible manifestation of his invisible glory.

**C. Moses spoke with God on the mountain and heard his voice from the glorious cloud.**

He saw God and shared a covenant \_\_\_\_\_ with him.

Moses entered God’s cloud of \_\_\_\_\_.

He was drawn closer and closer to the glory of God, until finally he was swallowed up inside.

He kept going *farther up and farther in* until he was \_\_\_\_\_ by the luminous, radiant presence of God.

**D. Jesus came down from Heaven to \_\_\_\_\_ the glory of God.**

The Apostle John said, *“We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”* (John 1:14b). Jesus is the full expression of God’s glory.

**E. Jesus came down so that we could be \_\_\_\_\_ up**

What happened to Moses is what will happen to everyone who puts their faith in Jesus Christ!

Glory is in our \_\_\_\_\_.

Like Moses, we will be surrounded by the radiance of God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

*“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”* (1 Cor. 2:9, 10).