

Show Me Thy Glory
(Exodus 33: 17-23)

And he said, I beseech the, shew me thy glory. Exodus 33:18

“Show me thy glory”. Who made this request? Was it not the man who had to remove his shoes because he was standing on the holy ground that surrounded the burning bush, hiding his face because of his fear to look upon God? This also was the man to whom God revealed Himself by the name of Jehovah. When the Israelites were hemmed in by the pursuing Egyptian army and the shore of the Red Sea, this was the man who stretched out his hand to show them the salvation of God. Through the miraculous provision of God this was the man who instructed the congregation on the specifics for gathering the bread from heaven, and he also at God’s command struck the Rock of Horeb to bring forth life-sustaining water. At the base of Sinai, it was he alone who was permitted to ascend the mount to hear God speak to him from the thick cloud. The tablets of stone etched by the finger of God were also entrusted to him.

It would be difficult even to imagine the divine encounters and heavenly revelations that Moses had; each one surely would seem enough to completely satisfy one’s thirst and desire for God. Yet in Exodus 33 we find Moses begging to see more of God’s glory. All of those previous encounters only served to stimulate his spiritual appetite for a deeper and more intimate vision of God’s glory.

Though certainly not as supernaturally divine as Moses’s encounters, as believers experience the Divine Presence in their own lives should that not only deepen their knowledge of the Holy, but also create in them a burning desire to see and know more? It is impossible for any believer to see God in His fullness, yet there are those special moments when He removes His hand from our eyes and permits us to gaze upon a new vision of Him. May He do so today.

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