

Face to Face

(A Life that pleases God)

Read **Exodus 33:11-17 & Num.12:6-8, Gen.5:18-24 & Heb.11:5**

In our passages we have just read about two people that walked with God, Moses and Enoch. Both men pleased God, Enoch so much that he never tasted death, instead God took him to be with Him. Moses, that God answered his request in the positive. How did they please God? What pleases God?

Intimacy, face to face ministry in an intimate and loving relationship with God Himself! We read that Moses spoke face to face with God as a man speaks with a friend. Not in riddles, but clearly, face to face. Jesus later said in **John 15:14** that we are His friends if we do what He says. How do we know what He says? By coming ‘face to face’ with the Lord, being still and hearing His voice!

Throughout Scripture we see God’s longing / desire, for intimacy / relationship with His people. See **Jer.7:13, 18:15** and **Rev.2:1-7** for example.....
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This is made possible today for every believer through what Jesus has done for us, by His shed blood. See **Heb.10:19-21+**

This in fact is a deeper revelation of the principle in **Zec.4:6** which reads “*Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord Almighty*”. We are not to ‘do’ what we think is best, but be led by the Spirit, inquiring and asking God about all things, hearing His voice and obeying / following Him under His Lordship, being led by His Spirit in all things. Read **Rom.8:14; Gal.5:25; Jn.16:12-15 & 1 Cor.2:9-16**.....
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Face to face ministry (God’s desire in relationship with us), comes not from a need to (although there is some truth in that), nor because we want something etc, but simply because this is our hearts desire, to be in an intimate relationship with the Lord. Walking with God, so much so that it pleases Him, and there is no better pursuit in life than to please the heart of our Heavenly Father who gave us this very life through Jesus.

Let’s discuss, reflect, and ponder these thoughts now.

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How does this change the way we as Christians should live, and how the Church should operate?

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In the light of this, read **Luke 10:38-42**. How does this passage speak to you now?

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***“Look to the Lord and His strength;
seek His face always”***

1 Chr.16:11