

The Author (Captain) and Forerunner of Salvation Leading Many Sons into Glory by Entering Within the Veil and Going Forth Outside the Camp**Monday 1/5****Related Verses****Heb. 2:10-11**

10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of One, for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brothers,

Luke 24:26

26 Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and enter into His glory?

Isa. 43:7

7 Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created, formed, and even made for My glory.

1 Cor. 6:20

20 For you have been bought with a price. So then glorify God in your body.

1 Cor. 10:31

31 Therefore whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

2 Cor. 3:8-9, 18

8 How shall the ministry of the Spirit not be more in glory?

9 For if there is glory with the ministry of condemnation, much more the ministry of righteousness abounds with glory.

18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

2 Cor. 4:1, 5

1 Therefore having this ministry as we have been shown mercy, we do not lose heart;

5 For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

Related Reading

God's goal is to bring His many sons into glory. His firstborn Son, the Lord Jesus, as the Pioneer, has fought into this glory. Now He is the Captain of God's many

sons' salvation leading them into His glory by fighting. We, the many sons of God, are now on the way, fighting into the glory that God ordained for us. (*Life-study of Hebrews*, p. 101)

In order to accomplish His purpose of bringing many sons into glory, God had to have an example, a model. Such a one could be the qualified Captain taking the lead to bring the many sons into glory...Before Jesus became the Captain,...He had to be perfected through sufferings (Heb. 2:10). When I read the Bible as a young man, I was bothered by [this] verse...On the one hand, I knew that Jesus was perfect. On the other hand, 2:10 says that He had to be perfected. So it seemed to me that Jesus was not perfect. But He truly was perfect. Although He was perfect before His incarnation, He did not have the experience of human suffering. He had to be perfected through suffering before He could become the Captain of salvation...To be perfect here actually means to be qualified...In order to be qualified for this office, He had to experience human suffering. Thus, to make Jesus perfect does not imply that there was any imperfection of virtue or attribute in Jesus but only that the completing of His experience of human sufferings was needed to make Him fit to become the Author, the Leader, of His followers' salvation. Since Jesus passed through all the human suffering, He has been perfected, qualified, to fill this office. He is qualified to bring the many sons of God into the region of glory, which He has already entered as the Pioneer.

What is this glory into which Christ has entered? It is the full expression of God. When the Lord was in the flesh, God was concealed within Him...In Jesus, the Nazarene with blood and flesh, was the seed of God's divine glory...When the carnation seed falls into the earth, dies, and grows again until it reaches the stage of blossoming, the carnation seed is brought into glory. Jesus was such a seed. He fell into the earth, died, and grew up (John 12:23-24). By His growing up, His whole being, including His humanity and His human nature, was brought into the glorious expression of God. That was His glory. The Lord suffered death, crossing the river of death, and entered into the glory, into the full expression of the Divine Being...After living on earth for thirty-three and a half years, the Lord fulfilled the type.

Jesus crossed the river. He first crossed the river at the time of His baptism. For three and a half years after His baptism, He was continually crossing rivers. Eventually, on the cross, He crossed the death river. By crossing that ultimate river, He entered into glory. The glory into which He entered is the reality of the expression of God's divine being. After His resurrection He was God's glorious expression...He is the example, the model, because He was the first One who pioneered into glory, the One who paved the way.

This Pioneer, this Forerunner, entered within the veil (Heb. 6:19-20)...The veil is that which separates us from God's expression. Every river is a veil separating us from God's expression. By passing through the Jordan, the river of death, Jesus entered within the veil. There within the veil is nothing but the expression of God. He is there now in glory. There is a man in the glory. This means that there is a man in God's expression. Even more, there is a man who is God's expression, a man who is God's glory. (*Life-study of Hebrews*, pp. 102, 110-111)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews*, msgs. 9—10, 30, 57

Tuesday 1/6**Related Verses****Col. 1:27**

27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

2 Cor. 4:17

17 For our momentary lightness of affliction works out for us, more and more surpassingly, an eternal weight of glory,

1 Cor. 2:7

7 But we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the wisdom which has been hidden, which God predestined before the ages for our glory,

1 Thes. 2:12

12 So that you might walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

1 John 3:9

9 Everyone who has been begotten of God does not practice sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been begotten of God.

The Author (Captain) and Forerunner of Salvation Leading Many Sons into Glory by Entering Within the Veil and Going Forth Outside the Camp**Luke 12:49-50**

49 I have come to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish that it were already kindled!

50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how I am pressed until it is accomplished!

Related Reading

This wonderful man Jesus, who is the model, example, Forerunner, Pioneer, and Captain, one day entered into us. We might have been unconscious of it, but He entered into us...Who is this Jesus who has come into us? He is not only the Savior; He is the One who took the lead to run the race into glory, the One who has entered into the full expression of God, the One who, even today, is this full expression of God. This Jesus, who is God's expression, the effulgence of God's glory (Heb. 1:3), is the Jesus who has come into us...In the past, probably the most we could say was that Christ was the eternal life in us. If we did not have Colossians 1:27, we would never imagine that the Jesus who is in us is the hope of glory. Our hope of glory is just Christ Himself. (*Life-study of Hebrews*, pp. 111-112)

On the one hand, this wonderful One is within the veil, dwelling there in the expression of God and as the expression of God. On the other hand, He has come into us...He is within us. He does not have to leave the glory in order to come into us. While He is within the veil and within us, He is ministering from there to here. He entered within the veil as the Pioneer, the Forerunner, entering into the glory that is the full, glorious expression of the Divine Being. Now He is in glory as the Captain of our salvation...In His coming into us, He never left the glory. Rather, He brought the glory into us. This is wonderful. When the Captain of salvation came into us, the glory came with Him. In other words, the Captain of salvation came into us to be the glory. At the very least, He came in to be the seed of glory. Now we all have this seed of glory, that is, the Captain of salvation Himself, within us...Since He was the first to enter into glory, He, as our Forerunner, is fully qualified to be our Captain.

How is it that His sufferings qualified Him to be the Captain [Heb. 2:10]? Because without passing through sufferings, He could not be in the glory, and, if He were not in the glory, He would not be perfected or qualified.

But by passing through the sufferings, He entered into glory. He is now fully qualified, fully perfected, to fulfill His office of Captain. Therefore, He can come into us as the Captain as well as the glory.

He is not only the Captain but also the High Priest. He is the High Priest ministering Himself to us as bread and wine. The Lord continually ministers Himself to us as grace. First Peter 5:10 speaks of the God of all grace. When Paul was suffering because of a thorn in the flesh, he asked the Lord three times to remove it (2 Cor. 12:7-8). But the Lord answered Paul, saying, "My grace is sufficient for you" (v. 9). The Lord seemed to be telling Paul, "...I will afford you My sufficient grace. I will minister Myself to you as the supply, as the grace, as the bread and wine, that will sustain and support you as you pass through all the sufferings. These sufferings will produce glory in you."

Paul knew that sufferings help to bring us into glory...In 2 Corinthians 4:17 Paul [compares] the "momentary lightness of affliction" with the "eternal weight of glory." He was saying that the eternal weight of glory far surpasses the momentary lightness of affliction. Here we see three comparisons: affliction with glory, lightness with weight, and momentary with eternal. Whatever sufferings we pass through are the lightness. This momentary lightness of affliction cannot compare with the eternal weight of glory. Do not be troubled by your sufferings...The real weight is the glory. All our sufferings are just the lightness, the momentary lightness of affliction that works for us the eternal weight of glory. (*Life-study of Hebrews*, pp. 112-114)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1993, vol. 2, "The Issue of the Dispensing of the Processed Trinity and the Transmitting of the Transcending Christ," ch. 1

Wednesday 1/7

Related Verses**Heb. 13:12**

12 Therefore also Jesus, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

1 Thes. 5:23

23 And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom. 5:10

10 For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,

Rom. 15:16

16 That I might be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, a laboring priest of the gospel of God, in order that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, having been sanctified in the Holy Spirit.

Eph. 5:26

26 That He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word,

Luke 15:8-10, 17-21

8 Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one silver coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek carefully until she finds it?

9 And when she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I lost.

10 In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner repenting.

17 But when he came to himself, he said, How many of my father's hired servants abound in bread, but I am perishing here in famine!

18 I will rise up and go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.

20 And he rose up and came to his own father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion, and he ran and fell on his neck and kissed him affectionately.

21 And the son said to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.

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God's economy is the intention of His heart's desire, and God made this intention a purpose...[Sanctification] is the holding line in the carrying out of the divine economy...We say that sanctification is the holding line because every step of God's economy in His work with us is to make us holy.

Today we all have been "hooked" by the ["fishing"] line of the divine sanctification. We were in the "ocean" of humanity, but this line reached us, and we have been hooked. Our being hooked will be consummated when we are transfigured. Then the line will be completed...Someone came and spoke something about Christ to us. There was a "hook" hidden in this one's speaking, and a hook got into us. We were convicted, and we repented and believed. Then we were regenerated in order for us to continue on the holding line of the divine sanctification. (CWWL, 1993, vol. 2, "The Spirit with Our Spirit," pp. 219, 221)

God in eternity past made an economy, and in that economy He decided to have many sons. After He created man, man became fallen. Then God the Spirit came to sanctify man (1 Pet. 1:2). We were lost in Adam, in sin, and in death. We were in a heap of collapse, full of sin and death. But the Spirit came to seek us out, and He found us. Then He convicted us and stirred up our spirit to repent. This was our initial sanctification unto repentance (Luke 15:8-10). This seeking sanctification resulted in our repentance to bring us back to God (vv. 17-21).

The redeeming sanctification, the positional sanctification, is through the blood of Christ (Heb. 13:12) to transfer us from Adam to Christ. This changed the place where we were.

Our regeneration is a kind of sanctification. Regeneration is the beginning of the dispositional sanctification to renew us from our spirit (2 Cor. 5:17)...This makes us, the sinners who were the enemies of God, sons of God (John 1:12-13).

The renewing sanctification continues our dispositional sanctification by renewing our soul from our mind through all the parts of our soul (Rom. 12:2b;

Eph. 4:23)...Our soul has three parts: the mind, emotion, and will.

The transforming sanctification is the daily sanctification, which reconstitutes us with the element of Christ metabolically to make us a new constitution as a part of the organic Body of Christ (1 Cor. 3:12)...In order for us to be the living members of Christ, we need to be constituted with Christ's element to make us a new constitution for the building up of the Body of Christ.

The conforming sanctification is the shaping sanctification to shape us in the image of the glorious Christ (2 Cor. 3:18). A fruit tree has the shaping principle of life within it...When the sanctifying Spirit sanctifies us, there is a shaping element to shape us into the image of the glorious Christ. This shaping makes us the expression of Christ.

The glorifying sanctification is the consummating sanctification, the completing sanctification to redeem our body by transfiguring it (Phil. 3:21). Our vile and fallen body will be redeemed from sickness, from weakness, from death, and from lust and sinfulness to make us Christ's expression in full and in glory (Rom. 8:23). At this point God's salvation and God's sanctification to carry out God's economy have reached the highest level.

The divine sanctification, from its beginning to its ending, is altogether the fine work of the consummated, compound, life-giving, and indwelling Spirit of Christ, the embodiment of the Triune God. (CWWL, 1993, vol. 2, "The Spirit with Our Spirit," pp. 222-224)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1993, vol. 2, "The Spirit with Our Spirit," chs. 11—12

Thursday 1/8

Related Verses**Heb. 6:19-20**

19 Which we have as an anchor of the soul, both secure and firm and which enters within the veil,
20 Where the Forerunner, Jesus, has entered for us, having become forever a High Priest according to the order of Melchisedec.

Heb. 13:13

13 Let us therefore go forth unto Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

2 Cor. 11:23-33

23 Ministers of Christ are they? I speak as being beside myself, I more so! In labors more abundantly, in imprisonments more abundantly, in stripes excessively, in deaths often.

24 Under the hands of the Jews five times I received forty stripes less one;

25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep;

26 In journeys often, in dangers of rivers, in dangers of robbers, in dangers from my race, in dangers from the Gentiles, in dangers in the city, in dangers in the wilderness, in dangers in the sea, in dangers among false brothers;

27 In labor and hardship; in watchings often; in hunger and thirst; in fastings often; in cold and nakedness --

28 Apart from the things which have not been mentioned, there is this: the crowd of cares pressing upon me daily, the anxious concern for all the churches.

29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is stumbled, and I myself do not burn?

30 If I must boast, I will boast of the things of my weakness.

31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.

32 In Damascus, the governor under Aretas the king guarded the city of the Damascenes in order to seize me;

33 And in a basket I was lowered through a window, through the wall, and escaped his hands.

Related Reading

After showing us the heavenly Christ within the veil, the book of Hebrews encourages us to enter within the veil (10:19-20, 22). Within the veil we can look away unto Him (12:2) and can consider Him (v. 3; 3:1). We need to have direct contact with Him. Since He is within the veil, we also must enter within the veil that we may see Him, look at Him, and consider Him in order to receive the transfusion and infusion of Him...Our spirit is joined to the heavenly Holy of Holies. When we turn to our spirit and exercise it, we enter within the veil. Here we participate in the heavenly ministry of the heavenly

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Christ. Here we are saturated and permeated with all the divine riches that make us the corporate reproduction of the firstborn Son of God for His expression. Here we receive grace and are strengthened to go outside the camp and follow Him on the pathway of the cross. (*Life-study of Hebrews*, p. 617)

To enter within the veil is to enter into the Holy of Holies where the Lord is enthroned in glory, and to go outside the camp is to come out of religion, whence the Lord was cast out in rejection. This signifies that we must be in our spirit, where, experientially speaking, the practical Holy of Holies is today, and outside religion, where the practical camp is today...The more we remain in our spirit to contact the heavenly Christ, who is in glory, the more we will go forth outside the camp of religion unto the lowly Jesus to suffer with Him. By contacting Christ in the heavens and enjoying His glorification, we are energized to take the narrow pathway of the cross on earth and bear the reproach of Jesus. The book of Hebrews first gives us a clear vision of the heavenly Christ and the heavenly Holy of Holies, and then it shows us how to walk on the earth in the pathway of the cross, that is, how to go forth unto Jesus outside the camp, outside religion, bearing His reproach.

If we would enter within the veil, we must get into our spirit (Heb. 4:12). To be within the veil is to be in our spirit, and to be outside the camp is to be outside anything religious...The writer seemed to be telling the Hebrew believers, "Brothers, get out of your camping mind and get into your spirit." Today we also must exercise to bring our whole being into the spirit. We must not remain in our camping mentality, for that mentality is religious. Again and again we need to enter within the veil by entering into our spirit.

It is difficult for Christian readers to understand why the writer of Hebrews mentions the spirit in 4:12. As he is comparing Christ with Judaism, he suddenly says, "The word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit." Now we understand that this verse shows us the key to experiencing Christ—our spirit, which is joined to the Holy of Holies. Therefore, we must discern our spirit from our camping mentality,

from our camping soul. We must no longer camp in our mind but turn to our spirit. The Lord Jesus Christ is with our spirit (2 Tim. 4:22). Grace is with our spirit (Gal. 6:18)...Where do we go to take grace? We must go to our spirit. The Holy of Holies, God's economy, and even the fulfillment of God's economy are all related to our spirit. What we need today is to enter within the veil by getting into the spirit.

God's economy is the dispensing of the Triune God into our being. This builds up the Body of Christ, producing material for the building up of the church. This transpires in the Holy of Holies within the veil, which is joined to our spirit. (*Life-study of Hebrews*, pp. 619-621)

Further Reading: *Life-study of 2 Corinthians*, msgs. 52—54

Friday 1/9**Related Verses****1 Cor. 10:5-7**

5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for they were strewn along in the wilderness.

6 Now these things occurred as examples to us, that we should not be ones who lust after evil things, even as they also lusted.

7 Neither become idolaters, as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play."

1 John 5:21

21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

Num. 12:6-8

6 He said, Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, Jehovah, will make Myself known to him in a vision, I will speak with him in a dream.

7 My servant Moses is not so; He is faithful in all My house.

8 With him I speak face to face, even openly, and not in riddles; And he beholds the form of Jehovah. Why then were you not afraid to speak against My servant, against Moses?

Exo. 32:6, 18-19

6 And they rose up early on the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

18 But Moses said, It is not the sound of the cry of triumph, Neither is it the sound of the cry of defeat; But it is the sound of singing that I hear.

19 And as soon as he drew near to the camp, he saw the calf and the dancing; and Moses' anger burned, and he threw the tablets out of his hands and shattered them at the foot of the mountain.

Psa. 36:8-9

8 They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures.

9 For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

Related Reading

Exodus 32:4 says that Aaron took the gold and "fashioned it with an engraving tool and made it into a molten calf"...The basic principle of an idol is self-beautification. If an idol is not beautified, who would worship it? The point here is that it takes skill to fashion gold into a calf. Some may have the gold, but not have the skill to fashion it into a calf. But every maker of idols, like Aaron, is skillful, capable, gifted, and talented. Who knows how many skillful idol-makers there are among Christians today? These craftsmen are knowledgeable, cultured, capable, and skillful. Whereas others are not able to make idols because they do not have the skill, these ones have the ability to fashion gold into idols...Sometimes I ask myself, "What are you doing here? Are you making an idol? Are you beautifying your own work for others to worship?" I am fearful lest I make some kind of idol. (*Life-study of Exodus*, p. 1842)

In Exodus 32 the gold rings were taken from the ears of the wives, the sons, and the daughters and used to make the idol, the golden calf.

Today's culture promotes self-beautification. Men and women spend a great deal of money on items used to beautify themselves...Self-beautification leads to idolatry.

Before the children of Israel made the idol of the golden calf, idols were already present among them in a different form, in the form of self-beautification. The wives, the sons, and the daughters of the children of Israel wore gold rings in their ears for the purpose of

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self-beautification...In the sight of God, self-beautification is an idol. This was the reason the Lord commanded the people in 33:5-6 not to have any ornaments...Before the people had the idol of the golden calf, they already had the preliminary idols hanging from their ears.

Another principle related to idolatry is that idolatry is Satan's usurping of what God has given us in order to make it a waste. In Exodus 32 the children of Israel wasted much of the gold that had been given to them by God. Before the children of Israel left Egypt, God caused the Egyptians to give the children of Israel gold and other precious things. This gold was to be used for building up the tabernacle. The tabernacle required a large quantity of gold to overlay the standing boards. God defeated the Egyptians, and they gave gold to the people of Israel. But before this gold was used for the building up of God's dwelling place, Satan came in to usurp the gold and use it to make an idol. Actually, before the calf was made, Satan had already usurped the gold so that it might be used to make earrings. If the children of Israel had loved the Lord to the uttermost, they would never have wasted the gold by using it for earrings. Instead, they would have kept it for the Lord's use.

Another principle related to idols is that here there is mixture in worship...Many Christians worship a calf, but they think that they are worshipping the Lord Jesus or the true God. Actually what they are worshipping is their enjoyment. Much of today's Christian worship is a matter of sitting down to eat and drink and rising up to sport, sing, and dance around a certain kind of enjoyment, around a golden calf. Some of the Brethren teachers pointed this out in a very thorough way. They said that the worship of the golden calf at the foot of Mount Sinai was a mixture, for a calf was worshipped as if it were God with the proper offerings and in the proper way. The offerings were right and the way was right, but the object of worship was wrong. This is what we mean by mixture. However, we should not mainly consider the way others worship. We need to inquire about our own worship. Is our worship pure, or is it a mixture? (*Life-study of Exodus*, pp. 1837-1839, 1841)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Exodus*, msgs. 173—178

Saturday 1/10

Related Verses**Exo. 33:7-14**

7 Now Moses would take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, some distance from the camp; and he called it the Tent of Meeting. And everyone who sought Jehovah went out to the Tent of Meeting, which was outside the camp.

8 And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise up and stand, every man at the entrance of his tent, and gaze after Moses, until he entered the tent.

9 And whenever Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stay at the entrance of the tent, and Jehovah would speak with Moses.

10 When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, every man at the entrance of his tent.

11 And Jehovah would speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his companion. And Moses would return to the camp, but his attendant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart out of the tent.

12 And Moses said to Jehovah, See, You say to me, Bring up this people; but You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, I know you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.

13 Now therefore if I have found favor in Your sight, please let me know now Your ways, that I may know You, so that I may continue to find favor in Your sight. Consider also that this nation is Your people.

14 And He said, My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.

Related Reading

Before they made and worshipped the golden calf, the people of Israel as a whole were the unique realm and circle related to the Lord's presence (Exo. 19:5-6). But after they made and worshipped the golden calf, a separation came into being. Exodus 33:7 says, "Now Moses would take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, some distance from the camp; and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought Jehovah went out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp." The tent in this verse refers to the tent of Moses. Before this

time the tent of Moses was always within the camp because the presence of the Lord was in the midst of the people of Israel. But because Moses realized that the Lord's presence would no longer be in the midst of the people, he removed his tent, which then became the tent of God, and pitched it outside the camp. This means that there was a separation between the tent where God was and the camp...At the tent there was not only the presence of the Lord but also the fellowship of the Lord. (*CWWL*, 1963, vol. 1, "Spiritual Applications of the Tabernacle," pp. 77-78)

The Hebrew word rendered "companion" [in Exodus 33:11] is different from the word for friend used with respect to Abraham in 2 Chronicles 20:7 and Isaiah 41:8. As a friend of God, Abraham had been separated from idolatrous people (Josh. 24:2-3), and he interceded for Lot (Gen. 18:16-33). The apostle James also tells us that Abraham was God's friend (James 2:23)...God regarded Abraham as a beloved one, a person held in affection. However, Moses was not only a friend of God like Abraham; he was also a companion of God.

The word *companion* includes the elements of friendship, but it goes much further to include the thought of intimate association. One meaning of the Hebrew word for *companion* is "associate"...If you and someone else are associates, you have a common interest, a common enterprise, in a common career...To the uttermost, God and Moses were partners in a great enterprise...Moses and the Lord were not only intimate friends; they were associates, partners, companions.

The conversation between them was not only that between friends but that between companions, partners. God and Moses were both concerned with their "corporation," with their "enterprise" and "career."

After Moses pitched his tent outside the camp, God's glory was at the door of the tent, but it was not within the camp. This indicates that God's presence was at the door of Moses' tent, not in the camp. However, we should not say that God was not at all in the camp with the children of Israel. This principle applies to us today. We may say that God's glory is not present in a situation where there is idolatry among Christians. However, we cannot say

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absolutely that God is not among these Christians. As we have pointed out, this is a matter of degree.

We need to know God's heart and also be a person according to God's heart. Then we shall have God's presence as Moses did. Moses had God's presence to the full extent. But the children of Israel had God's presence in a very limited way, for they were far from God's heart. Moses, however, was a person very near to God's heart, a person according to His heart. This was the reason he could have God's presence to the full extent. We all need to learn that only a person like Moses can be a companion of God. Only this kind of person can share a common interest with God and be used by God to carry out His enterprise on earth. (*Life-study of Exodus*, pp. 1869-1871, 1882-1883)

Further Reading: *CWWL, 1963*, vol. 1, "Spiritual Applications of the Tabernacle," ch. 2

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Genesis**Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading**

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 35

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 83-84

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: Jacob Seeing God Face to Face, Struggling with God, and Being Touched by God at Peniel

Scripture: Gen. 32:22-32

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 72, 75
Supplemental Reading: *The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*, ch. 10; *CWWN, Set 2, Vol. 45, "Conferences, Messages, and Fellowship (5)"*, ch. 129 "Jacob and His Trials"; *Revelations in Genesis: Seeing God's Calling in the Experiences of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*, ch. 17

Study Questions: See the church website at churchinnyc.org/bible-study

Lord's Day 1/11**Related Verses****Exo. 40:34**

34 Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle.

Gen. 1:26

26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

Eph. 3:16-21

16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,

17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are

19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

20 But to Him who is able to do superabundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power which operates in us,

21 To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

John 12:23-24

23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Further Reading:

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Hymn: #1290

1 O Lord, we've seen Your purpose to bring the many sons
To share in Your full glory and see Your kingdom come.
We praise You, Lord, this glory is You, Yourself within,
Spread out in all Your people to shine in all of them.

2 Since we received Your life, Lord, a seed's been growing there:
The seed of inward glory, the glory we will share!
By growing 'til the blossom of glory blooms in full,
We'll thus enjoy Your increase and glory bountiful.

3 Hail! Captain of Salvation! Our heav'nly Pioneer!
Our praises, midst the battle and tumult, You will hear.
We're following our Captain all through the mighty fray.
Our glorious, faithful Captain sustains us all the way.

4 Lord, fighting on to glory, You now have gone before;
Now fighting in Your footsteps we'll conquer o'er and o'er.
From glory unto glory, we'll fight until we see
The glory from within us shall manifested be.

5 Then, Lord, at last the fighting and battle cry will cease,
And we'll appear in glory, Your kingdom and increase.
That day we'll be completed, that day Your face we'll see,
For in that blessed day, Lord, we'll in the glory be!