

We Cannot See God

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- **Would you like to see God?**
- **I'm sure everyone would like to see God.**
- **But we cannot see God.**
- **Nobody has ever seen God.**



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- **Why can we not see God?**
- **We cannot see God because He is “Spirit”.**
- **We cannot see a spirit.**



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- **What is a spirit?**
- **Well, when God made us, He gave us a “spirit”, “soul”, and “body”.**
- **Our spirit lives inside of our body.**
- **Our spirit is the “real” us.**



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- **It is our spirit that communes with God.**
- **It is our spirit that has a conscience.**
- **It is our spirit that has our intuition.**



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- Nobody can see “our spirit”.
- But you can feel Jesus living there inside of your spirit if you are “born again”.
- God’s Word says, “**But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit**”.
(1 Corinthians 6:17).



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- And God's Word says, **"The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children."** (Romans 8:16).
- That is what we call **"the witness of the Holy Spirit"**.



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- **When a preacher is preaching he might say, “Can I get a witness”?**
- **This means that as he is preaching the Holy Spirit is speaking in our hearts that what God is saying through the preacher is the truth. We reply by saying, “Amen!! God is speaking”.**
- **The Holy Spirit is testifying and agreeing with the preacher that what is being said is of God.**



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- Now, let's get back to our sermon.**
- There is a reason why we must not see God.**
- God is all glorious.**
- That means that He is very holy and brighter than the sun.**



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- **We cannot look at the sun.**
- **We have to turn our eyes away because it is impossible to look at the brightness of the sun.**
- **How much more “glorious” is our heavenly Father.**



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- **The Bible tells us about a man names Moses.**
- **Moses was a good friend of God.**
- **God often talked to Moses.**
- **But Moses never saw God.**



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- One day Moses said to God, “Now, show me Your glory.” (Exodus 33:18).
- Then in the next verses, ‘And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you; and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”’



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- Then the LORD said, “there is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.” (Exodus 19-23).



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- The “**cleft in a rock**” reminds me of a wonderful verse in Song of Songs 2:14 where the Lover (Jesus) is speaking to His bride.
- He says, “**My dove in the clefts of the rock, in the hiding places on the mountainside, show me your face, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.**”



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- **What a beautiful thing that our LORD in Exodus puts Moses in the cleft of the rock and then passes by Moses.**
- **Then later, for US, His Bride, the Church, the Lord now has us in this place of safety and is wanting and asking to see US!!!**



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- **Moses had asked to see God's glory!!**
- **And now God is asking us to, “show me your face, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.” (Song of Songs 2:14)**



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- **Moses had yearned to see God's glory.**
- **And WE as God's Church are HIS GLORY. He glories in us and YEARNS to see US!!!**
- **God yearns to see US!!!**



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- So dear brothers and sisters, God is asking you to show Him your face and let God hear your voice.
- Why?
- Because, “your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.”
- What a wonderful God that yearns for us even more than we yearn for Him!!



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- **Now back to our sermonsometimes God's Word "weaves around" showing and displaying His love for us.**
- **Moses had gone up on the mountain alone.**
- **God hid him between the rocks, and God passed by him.**
- **God let Moses see just a "little bit" of His glory.**



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- **Even a man like Moses could not stand to see more than that of God's glory.**
- **When Moses came down from the mountain, his face was bright as sunshine.**
- **Just seeing a "little" of God's glory had made his face shine so bright that the people were afraid of him. (see Ex.34:29-35 & 2 Cor.3:7-18).**



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- **The glory of God is so bright that nobody could bear to see Him.**
- **We cannot bear to look at the sun when it shines bright – remember?**
- **It hurts our eyes to look at the sun.**

- **God's glory is much greater than the glory of the sun.**
- **After all, God created the sun by His Power and Glory!!!**



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- **It is good that we cannot see God.**
- **The sunshine and the stars tell us about His glory.**
- **But if we “saw” Him and His Glory, we would be very afraid.**
- **We could not even live!!**



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- My prayer today is that we will be like Moses and say, **“Now, show me Your glory.”**
- And that God will cause all His goodness to pass in front of you; and will proclaim His name, the LORD, in your presence.



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- Remember what a beautiful thing that our LORD put Moses in the cleft of the rock and then passes by Him.
- And that for US, His Bride, the Church, the LORD now has us in this place of safety and is wanting to see US!!!



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- **Moses had asked to see God's glory!!**
- **And God has responded to Moses.**

- **We are here and now asking to see God's glory!!**
- **And God will respond. Show us Your glory
LORD God, Almighty!!**



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- And now God is asking us to, “**show me your face, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.**”
- And **WE** as God’s Church are **HIS GLORY**. He glories in us and **YEARNS** to see **US!!!**
- I’ll repeat: **God yearns to see US!!!**



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- So dear brothers and sisters, God is asking you to show Him your face and let God hear your voice.
- Why?
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- **Let's now stand in God's presence and show Him OUR glory!!**
- **The glory of WHO WE ARE as His children.**
- **Bask now in the SUN. Stand in the sunshine of God's love!!**
- **And let the Glorious One glory in YOU.**
- **You are God's Glory!!**



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Let's Pray:

- **God of Glory, brighter than the sun, show us Your Glory every day.**
- **Make us pure and sinless, through Jesus our Savior, so we aren't afraid of You.**
- **Come and show us Your glory.**



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- **And help us to understand that WE are YOUR GLORY.**
- **That we can glory in You!!**
- **And that You glory in US!!**
- **In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.**



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SUGGESTED READING:

Psalm 104:1-13

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT:

- Has anybody ever seen God?
- Why is it that we cannot see God?
- Why would it not be good for us to see God?
- Who is God's glory?

