



Take in the scenery of God

Exodus 33:18-19 *"And he said, Please, show me Your glory. Then He said, I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."*

Words of Ministry

As Christians we must never lose the wonder of the privilege we have of having in our spirit a revelation of God. To know God is a precious gift given to us by the Son (Matt 11:27). To know God and His Son is the very essence of eternal life (1 John 5:20).

To have revelation of God we need to have our eyes filled with the "scenery" of God's glory. When Moses said to the Lord, *"Show me Your glory,"* the Lord's reply was simply, *"I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you."* The Lord also said to Moses, *"So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by"* (v. 22). Right after this Moses presented himself to the Lord to see His glory: *"Then the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin"* (Ex 34:5-7).

The Lord's answer to Moses' request, *"Show me Your glory,"* consisted of a wonderful heavenly scenery passing before him. Four times in these verses the Lord emphasized the matter of Moses seeing

something pass before him: *"I will make all My goodness pass before you," "My glory passes by," "I pass by,"* and *"the Lord passed before him and proclaimed."* From this we can see that to behold the Lord's glory means to see *"the scenery"* of His Person and His work pass before our spiritual eyes. It was beholding this scenery that transformed Moses so that *"the skin of his face shone"* (Ex 34:30).

For Moses to behold the scenery of God's glory, the Lord told him that He would first put him in the cleft of the rock and cover him with His hand (Ex 33:22). In typology this signifies our being hidden in the crucified Christ, who died for us on the cross and shed His precious blood so that we can approach God directly and behold His glory. Beloved, because of the blood, because of Christ's finished work, because of that once-and-for-all sacrifice, because He entered into the Holiest of all and made a way for us to be there and live there, now we can fully enjoy the glory of the Lord by letting this "redemptive scenery" pass before our spiritual eyes.

Today believers are challenged with what occupies the scenery of the eyes of the heart. The world and its entertainment industry are operating 24/7 to place other objects of earthly glory before our eyes. But God calls us to come to Christ and hide ourselves in Him and His work and have God's heavenly glory pass before our eyes continually.

Beloved, only the blood of Jesus ushers you into the glory. Growth does not get you there. Being a believer for twenty or forty years does not merit your getting into the glory. Only one thing qualifies you to enjoy the glory of the Lord—the precious blood of the Lamb. That is all. Just the blood. You can declare, *"I am forgiven, I am washed, I am cleansed, and now I am qualified to behold the Lord face-to-face."* Paul describes this privilege as our having *"the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ"* (2 Cor. 4:6).