

The Original Face Book!

Genesis 3: 1-8

The Greatest of all losses of mankind is when Adam and Eve were put out of the Garden and in turn lost their intimate relationship with God.

Genesis 3: 8 Adam and Eve hide themselves from the Presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.”

Presence --- Face of the LORD GOD

This is why Numbers 6: 24-26 was the Early Christian’s blessing for everyone.

“The LORD bless you and keep you

The LORD make His face shine upon you

And be gracious to you

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you

And give you peace’

The Face – what is meant by the Face?

The idea of God’s face is one of the most powerful, life-changing themes in the Bible!

The Face -- Why is the Face of such importance?

Genesis 32: 30 “I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.” Jacob wrested with God and the face of God was thought to be off limits because of the sins of humans.

This is why the visit of God through Jesus was such a big deal!

2nd Corinthians 13: 12 “For now we see through a glass darkly but then face to face: now we know in part but then shall I know even as I am known.”

Revelation 21: 3 “And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them and they shall be His people and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.”

But what about now? Is it possible for us to have face-to-face encounters?

Some have said, Moses did in Exodus 33: 11 “And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend.”

But then – Vs 20 God said, “Thou canst not see my face: there shall no man see me and live.”

But that was the desire! It has always been the desire.

This has always been the desire of the close followers of God. This is to be the desire of all of the followers of God.

It's all about Face Time!

Deuteronomy 32: 20 God told the rebellious Jews that He would hide His face from them because they have no faith!

Job 34: 29 One of Job's Friends said that we are in big trouble when God hides His face from him.

Psalms 13: 1 'How long will thou forget me O LORD? Forever? How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

Psalms 30: 7 "LORD ... thou didst hide thy face and I was troubled."

Psalms 143: 7 "Here me speedily O LORD: my spirit faileth, hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down to the pit."

Isaiah 54: 8 "In a little wrath I hid my face from the for a moment."

Jeremiah 33: 5 God said that a city lost a battle and was filled with dead bodies because I have hid my face from this city.

Ezekiel 39: 23 God tells the nation of Israel, when they go into captivity, it is because He has hid his face from them and then their enemies will prevail.

Micah 3: 4 God said to the leaders of Israel that they would cry unto Him but He would not hear them because He had hide his face from them.

Psalms 80 three times---"Restore us, O LORD God of host; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!" Vs 3, 7 19 God's face was the lifeline of these followers. Without this intimate blessing, they were doomed!

It is clear, intimacy with God means life and blessings come when His face is either shining on us or turned from us.

It's all about the face ... Even babies show this truth. In 1978 a study was done with babies and their mother's faces ... Babies do not do well when the mother's face is turned away...

And Remember – 2nd Chronicles. 7: 14 "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, and **seek my face**, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear and forgive their sins and will heal their land."

Hosea 5: 15 God said that He would return to His place until the people acknowledge their offense and seek His face, he called it earnestly seek Him. Anything other than that is not serious!

Psalms 27: 8 Is a divine invitation: "When you said, seek my face, my heart said to you, your face Lord, I will seek."

Winning is all about the Face ... Heaven is all about the face ... maturity is all about the face Christianity is all about the ability to go back to a relationship where we can have a relationship with Him that is face to face as a friend talks to a friend.

God is all about face time! The question is, are we?

The Lord bless you and keep you/The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you And give you peace. **Protection and Peace is in His face!**