



Open Arms Evangelistic Ministries



Reaching the World Through the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Seek Habitation – Not Visitation

“And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.” Mark 12:30

How many times are we satisfied with just a visit from God? An occasional jolt will work for some people; but for some, it will not. There are some believers who have the spirit of Moses who said in Exodus 33:18, “I beseech Thee, show me thy glory.” Moses wanted more than just seeing God’s finger or hearing God’s voice. Moses was consumed with God, and he wanted to see God’s face.

God tells Moses there is a price to be paid for seeing His face. In Exodus 33:20, God tells Moses, “Thou canst not see My face; for there shall not man see Me, and live.” But as we read on, we see that Moses would not take “No” for an answer. Sometimes we give up too soon when God often wants to see how bad you wish to get to Him. God has a place where He can be found if we are willing to go there.

Exodus 33:21-23 says, “And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.”

Many times in God’s Word, when people came into the fullness of His presence, God would call them away from the crowd. Many times Jesus would pull His disciples away to a solitary place. The place we will often find God is in the place of prayer, the place of single worship and praise, and the place of quietness. Are you willing to go to that place to meet with God and know His presence and glory?

A committed prayer life will put you in hot pursuit of God’s presence. Prayer gets God’s attention while faith moves His hand. Are we looking for a visitation from God, or do we seek a habitation from God? There is a tremendous difference. God loves to visit with us, but He truly wishes to stay with us. Jesus told us He would never leave us or forsake us. Can we say the same to Him? I encourage you to be faithful and walk with God continually. Our minds and hearts should be continually set on the Lord.

Do you wish to know the fullness of His presence? Then get ready for God to call you to a solitary place to meet with Him. It will be worth everything you have to do to meet Him. Seek after habitation – not just visitation.

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