

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

Text: Ex 34:29

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Introduction: Can you imagine what it must have been like to witness what transpired in our text? Let's talk about this phenomenon. Is it possible that this could occur again in our day and age?

I. His Face Shone.

A. The verse gives us the reason Moses' face shone.
Ex 34:29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord.

1. He had been in the presence of Jehovah.
2. He had been speaking with God.

Ex 34:29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai carrying the two Tablets of The Testimony, he didn't know that the skin of his face glowed because he had been speaking with God.

3. The people were afraid to come near Moses.
Ex 34:30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him.
31 But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them.
32 Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai.

4. Moses had to wear a veil.

33 When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face.

B. This happened on a regular basis.

34 But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded,

35 they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

1. When he went into the presence of the Lord, Moses removed the veil.

2. But he had to wear it the rest of the time.

C. Do you think Moses had a problem with having to wear the veil?

II. Jesus' Face Shone.

A. Peter, James and John observed this event.

Matt 17:17 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.

1. Transfigured means to change the outward appearance, transform.

2. Literally, the veil of flesh was removed.

B. Observe how this is described.

Luke 9:29 As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.

Matt 28:3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

Mark 9:3 His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.

C. David said:

Ps 104:1 Praise the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

2 He wraps himself in light as with a garment;

D. John said latter.

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

E. Paul shared about his encounter with Jesus.

Acts 26:13 About noon, O king, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions.

F. John saw Him.

Rev 10:10 Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars.

G. He is described by Solomon.

Song 6:10 Who is this that appears like the dawn, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, majestic as the stars in procession?

H. Daniel met Him by the river.

Dan 10:5 I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of the finest gold around his waist.

6 His body was like chrysolite, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.

I. Habakkuk climaxes His description.

Hab 3:3 God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah His glory covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth.

4 His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden.

J. Jesus told us.

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

K. Not only did His face shine His whole being is nothing but pure light.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

1. Pure radiant light.
2. Never a shadow.
3. He will be the light of the New Jerusalem.

Rev 21:23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

Conclusion: What's happened to you, Moses? The only answer he could possibly give is "I have been in His Presence!"

As I was preparing this message, the words of a song from the past came rushing forth out of my spirit.

I'VE BEEN WITH JESUS

Verse 1

You may ask me why I'm singing
I can hear the joy bells ringing
I've been on a visit so inspiring
There's within my heart a feeling
I can feel the Spirit stealing
And I know from sin I am retiring

Chorus

I've been with Jesus
And I'm so happy
I can feel it in my soul
With love He sought me
With blood He bought me
I've been with Jesus and I'm whole

Verse 2

Can't you hear an echo stealing
From the past, it's so revealing
Stop and listen, don't go on unheeding
Peace is flowing like a river
In that far-off sweet Forever
Don't you see it's Jesus that you're needing

Verse 3

Soon I'm gonna make a journey
One from which I won't return
I'll live forever in His glory
But until that bright tomorrow
In this world of sin and sorrow
Everywhere I go, I'll tell the story

Chorus

Repeat Chorus Tag

With love He sought me

With blood He bought me

I've been with Jesus and I'm whole

Why hasn't there been a change in you? Can I take you into His presence?

In scripture, everywhere there is mention of the Presence of the Lord a specific place is mentioned. Folks, you have to move from where you are to get to where He is. God told Moses: "There is a place...in the cleft of the rock..."

GET IN HIS PRESENCE! GET THERE AS QUICKLY AS YOU CAN! DON'T LET ANYBODY DELAY YOU ANY LONGER!