

When God Showed Up -5/7/23

TEXT – Genesis 28:16 *And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.*

INTRO – When God Shows Up: Diseases are cured, the lame walk, Devils cast out, and the blind see. In the book of Acts 3000 Souls saved.

I. There are People Fleeing From the Presence of God

Jonah 1:10 *Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.*

A. No man seeketh after God

B. This world is in opposition to God

C. Scorners scorn the work of God

D. Men are at enmity toward God

Romans 8:7 *Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*

James 4:4 *Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*

Enmity - "Deep rooted hatred." In opposition to. (See Genesis 3:15)

This world is in opposition to God. That is why we see such evil.

II. We Need The Presence of God

Psalms 51:7-12 *Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. 9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.*

A. Without Him there is no salvation

Acts 4:12 *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

B. Without Him we lack direction

C. Without Him we have no peace

D. Without Him we can do nothing

John 15:5 *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

He is our all in all

IV. Where God Shows Up Is A Holy Place

A. God reveals His presence to Moses

Exodus 33:18-23 *And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. 19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, . . . while I pass by: I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.*

Exodus 34:29-35 *And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him. 30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. . . . 35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.*

B. The cloud at the Tabernacle revealed the presence of God

2 Chronicles 5:14 *So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.*

Exodus 40:34 *Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.*

C. When God reveals Himself it is a sacred place

- **Olive Branch Baptist where the preacher crawled in his knees praying for God to work – God showed up**
- **Tennessee Temple Bible Conference one morning God showed up.**
- **Jonathan Edwards, George Whitfield, Charles Spurgeon, D. L. Moody,**

And many other lesser-known preachers experienced God showing up.

III. God Promises To Go With Us

A. God always watched over Hi people

Exodus 33:14-15 *And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.*

B. God promised to be with every witness

Matthew 28:19-20 *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

V. When God Shows Up Souls Are Saved

A. The testimony of the prodigal – The angels rejoiced

Luke 15:10 *Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.*

B. On Pentecost 300 souls were saved and baptized in one day

Acts 2:1-4 *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

C. In Nineveh God showed up and a whole city turned to God

Jonah 3:6-10 *For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. 7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: 8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. 9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? 10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.*

VI. Where God Shows Up There Is Peace and calm

His Presence brings Peace - He calms our anxiety

A. Where the Spirit of the Lord is

2 Corinthians 3:17 *Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty*

B. Elijah was given peace and direction – a still small voice

1 Kings 19:9-13 *And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, . . . And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: . . .*

and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: 12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. 13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

C. Jesus calms the storm

Mark 4:39 *And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.*

VII. The Presence of God Cannot Be Manufactured By Man

A. We are saved by the divine intervention of God

John 6:44 *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

B. Any good thing can only be accomplished through His power

Zechariah 4:6 *Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.*

CONCL - The house that Jaek God built