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THE LIFE OF JOSHUA – LESSON 4

HIS HUNGER FOR GOD

In Lesson 3 ([12-31-2021](#)) we saw Moses spend 40 days and nights on Mount Sinai where God gave him all the commandments, law, and tabernacle instructions. This was 40 days in the glory cloud of Jehovah. Only Joshua was with Moses and experienced the very presence of God.

As they descended at the end of the 40 days, they heard a great noise in the camp. Joshua heard it initially and thought it was a battle. As they came near it proved to be a merry celebration around a pagan gold calf which was a representation of the Egyptian's sacred Apis bull god. Moses was so angry that he smashed the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments.

This incident resulted in three thousand men being executed. Afterwards Moses pled for God to forgive them. He then called for the people to consecrate themselves unto Jehovah.

After a while Moses pitched the tabernacle a ways outside the camp and everyone who wished to seek the LORD went out to it. Then Moses went out to the tabernacle. Everyone stood at his tent door to watch him as he and Joshua went into the tabernacle. A pillar of cloud descended as God talked face to face with Moses.

When Moses left the tabernacle, Joshua remained there behind to soak up more of the glory of God. His 40-day-experience on the mountain had made him hungry for more of God. He just wanted to dwell in God's presence as long as he could. He was dwelling as it says in Psalm 91:1, ***"in the secret place of the Most High."*** We also should dwell in that place of intimacy with God.