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THE LIFE OF MOSES – LESSON 31

THE GLORY OF GOD MANIFESTED

After Moses interceded for the people, he moved the tabernacle away from the camp. Anyone who wanted to go there had to leave the camp to get there.

There soon came a day when Moses took that short journey out to the tabernacle. Everyone watched him from the door of the sukkot (hut). As he entered, the glory cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle. The LORD then talked person to person with Moses. Joshua was in attendance. When Moses left, Joshua remained there to bask in God's presence.

Moses asked God to show him His glory. (Exodus 33:18.) God promised to do that and did it later up on the mountain.

God then told Moses to hew two stone tablets out of raw uncut stone. God had made the first two tablets that Moses smashed in his anger. Now Moses would have to cut and chisel these two himself. Once finished, he took these with him up on to Mount Sinai for another 40-day visit with God.

Once on the mountain, God showed Moses His glory. As instructed, Moses hid himself in the cleft (opening, breach) of the mountain's rock. God passed by not showing his face to Moses. He only saw his back side. Moses would have been struck dead if he were to have seen God's face. No man on earth can bear the fullness of God's glory and live. In fact, they never actually see God's glory. They only see or sense it by a cloudy mist or a sweet fragrance. Moses was privileged to see God's glory it because he walked so close to God.

After this, God again wrote His commandments on the stone tablets just as He had done the first time. He then gave a lot more instructions to Moses as to what the people should do. The glory of God had so touched Moses that when he came down from Sinai his face shone so brightly that it frightened them, and he had to wear a veil to cover his face. (Ex. 34:29-30.)

The glory of Father God (Yahh) is beyond anything we can see or imagine. It is the manifestation of absolute pure holiness. We can only see manifested evidence of it. However, His glory may rest over the heads of His special servants whom he has called. That glory brings blessing to the servant beyond anything that servant could have accomplished on his/her own.

His glory cannot literally be on us or in us in our earthly bodies, else we would be struck dead. Paul saw the glory of God and he became blind. Steven, while dying from being stoned, saw the glory of God in the heavens. Neither had the glory in them, but it was seen by them. The glory can be over us or around us and can go where we go. We should pray that God's glory goes with us that others may sense God's presence and be drawn to God.