

Knowing the Word

Intimately

Do you have a relationship with the Word? What do you think of when you hear this title? Do you think of scripture? Or stuff you've learned from scripture or about God?

was Jesus always the Son of God?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.
- **Jhn 1:1-3 NKJV**

Remember when Moses asked God "show me your glory?" What did he really want to see? Moses was already talking to God face to face clearly, as a friend talks to a friend (**Num 12:8; Exo 33:11**). Moses was more than a prophet. Most prophets responded to unction (a suggestion or feeling) or the voice of The Lord. God puts unction within and faith is needed to respond to it. Having already seen signs of deliverance and miracles, so why was Moses asking?

When you learn about intimacy it will make you check all that you know. Be careful about the first question: was Jesus always the Son of God? Most people are carnal in their thinking, only considering things on the surface level. Remember Jhn 3:16?

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." - **Jhn 3:16 NKJV**

To be 'begotten' means to be conceived. Jesus was conceived by Holy Spirit within the virgin, Mary. The Word was in the beginning already, right? But why did Jesus speak of things like "I beheld Satan fall like lightning" (**Luk 10:18**) as if He was already there?

And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. - **Gen 3:8 KJV**

Wait a minute! The voice of the Lord ... was *walking*? Jesus was there even before 'the beginning' but not in the form of the Begotten Son. There wasn't a need of a Son at that time because Adam didn't fall. Why would He need to be the Son when there was nothing to be redeemed? Thus He was called the second Adam.

And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. ... Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. - **Jhn 17:5, 24 NIV**

Jesus asked that people would see His glory that he once had. He spoke in such past tense because He was already there, even before time. The Word was already there in the beginning, he just was not Jesus - the Begotten Son. Since He was the Word that's why He saw all things, through Him created everything, and said what He said when on earth.

the person of the Word

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. - Jhn 1:14 KJV

The Word ‘made’ is after the fact; the Word was already in existence but the flesh is what the Word had to go through. Jesus was twelve when He stayed in a synagogue of Jerusalem teaching for three days; amazing all with his wisdom. Mary questioned Him but He replied “**Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?**” Though they didn’t understand what He was saying he was obedient and continued to grow “in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” (**Luk 2:40-52**) But *why* did the Word need to grow? It wasn’t the Word, but the flesh that needed to grow with the Word. Even we grow naturally - this is how Jesus humbled himself to be in flesh (**Phil 2:7-8**). So why was it important that Moses asked God to show him His glory?

Why did the prophets always say “the Word came to me saying ...?” Because they understood the *person* of the Word. They understood intimacy with the Word. That’s what God is trying to get us back into. We know the *words of the person*, but not the *person of the Word*. The One who’s words are greater than life because His identity is greater than anything. This is why they said “the Word of the Lord came to me saying ...” It’s the same way when the voice of The Lord came walking in the cool of the day. Whenever you see where God is walking, and He is free to walk in your life, then He is your God.

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in [them]; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. - 2Co 6:16 KJV

This is why we ask God to move, so that He will be our God. We are really asking Him to walk in the midst, it proves that He is your God. You no longer wonder if He is with you; He said he would lead you to green pastures and quiet streams (**Psa 23:2**). We think that we aren’t supposed to see Him. We see whom is leading because He is not invisible. He wants us to see so much that He made His Word a lamp unto our feet and a light to our path (**Psa 119:105**). He wants us to see not only spiritually but naturally. God has already walked where we needed to go; He has already led us, we just need to follow.

“show me your glory”

Moses was already on the mountain top with the Word! Can you image that encounter? Jesus was not yet in flesh but the Word was. Every time you see the Word, you see light present. “My word is a light unto your path ... I am light unto the world,” (**Psa 119:105; Jhn 8:12**) God begins to talk about His own word even as the Son of God was on the earth.

“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” - Isa 55:10-11 NIV

He begins to say things because He knows the Word is wearing flesh. He prophesies over His own self knowing that He (His Word) won't fail. Jesus begins to remind God of what He said about Him. The Word was saying, "I acknowledge where I was. I just need you to glorify this body so that they can follow me into the light," (**Jhn 17:5**). That is why it was so important for Moses to say "show me your glory," (**Exo 33:18**). He didn't ask for a miracle, a blessing or a sign and wonder. Remember, going from glory to glory is going back to the place of origin, Genesis (**2Co 3:18**). That's a place for us but not for God, nor was this the case for Moses.

*For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways ... To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. - **Psa 91:11; Col 1:27 NKJV***

Cherubim are always present in His glory, always. That's why angels are always around you, you have something you that is reflective of Him. We have a problem with God when we ask/pray "show up in his shekinah glory," but He doesn't do it. God isn't going to show us that! God be like, "ya'll crazy." Jesus asked God to restore Him back to his original state that He was in before the beginning (**Jhn 17:5**). When we go from glory to glory, it is mans return to his original state. But when Moses said *show me* the glory, he was asking "*show me*" the original state. He had already encountered Jesus, the Word, face to face—as a friend.

*And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. 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. - **Exo 33:18-23 KJV***

God covered Moses face with His hand. How are you supposed to see when someone is covering your face? The Bible continually says "humble yourself under the mighty hand of God and He will exalt you in due season" (**1Pe 5:6**). Moses was humbled and the exalted to see. God began to reveal Himself because Moses allowed God to humble and exalt him at the same time.

Though God would not show Moses His glory, He showed him His backward parts. I have a wife whose backwards parts I'm attracted to! So God showed Moses something that was attractive, but it was "just for now." God was going to take him to another place, remember the Mount of Transfiguration? Moses came down to the people and his face was shown, he was in a totally different place. God hid Moses in the cleft of the rock (symbolizing to be hidden in Jesus) as He passed.

*Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. - **Mat 17:1-3 NKJV***

You can call the ‘cleft of the rock’ a time dimension. God took Moses to another time to let him see the transfiguration of Jesus. No one can see the Father but you can see the Son of God, who is the very reflection of God *and* God at the same time (**Exo 33:20; Jhn 14:6-7, Heb 1:3**). They were all face to face with Jesus, then his whole body illuminated. Jesus had already asked “glorify me; give me what I already had” After His resurrection he stated “all power and authority had been given to Me,” proving that God honored his request AND that He humbled Himself in yielding it when He became human (**Mat 28:18; Phl 2:6-11**).

His glory is His nakedness

This can not be taken lightly, nor spoken of nonchalantly. Do you know how beautiful God’s nakedness is? He *clothes* Himself with garments of light (**Psa 104:2**). That’s just how bright His glory is — He had to put on light to tone it down. God puts on majesty to tone everything down. His glory is just so bright! That’s why the angels were always present, even the angels over the Ark of the Covenant. Their wings were spread to cover the nakedness of God. Satan was called Lucifer, the anointed cherub that covered (**Eze 28:14**). Lucifer, as well as many other angels, covered the glory.

Moses wanted to see God’s nakedness because had already seen God face to face. Moses already came naked and unashamed and wanted the same from God, “you see me unashamed, now show me your glory.” (**Gen 2:25; Exo 33:18**). When you see someone’s true nakedness that is intimacy. Not the arousal, but from it you might get aroused. What Moses was saying was “I want to see Your nakedness to where it moves me because You said my nakedness moved You.” God did said, “be holy for I am holy,” (**Lev 20:26**). In order to be set apart, or separate, you have to be naked and unashamed before Him, so HE can set you apart.

touch me

With this new depth of understanding other scriptures should illuminate inside you. “Oh, that’s why He said that! That’s why He doesn’t reveal all things to people. That’s why it takes faith to please Him.” Faith is something that begins to say, “Hey—peekaboo, I see you.” Faith pleases God because it touches Him in the right way. Faith begins to massage and rubs on God. Faith is your way of touching Him. Jesus was even marveled by one’s faith, so much that it moved Him (**Mat 8:10**). That’s why it’s impossible to please God without it, that’s the thing we have *to* touch Him. *We have nothing else valuable.*

If you want to reflect someone, you have to just as naked as they are. It’s not good enough to reflect just the face, you have to reflect everywhere. To be able to reflect you *have* to see! Moses proved that he only had a face to face encounter; only his face had shown, not his whole body. If he saw all of His glory then his body would have shown. God is trying to say something to the church! We have been in shallow-land about God, about blessings, and we want to feel something so bad. We don’t need to feel anything, we need to *see* Him. God said, “Seek my face” (**2Ch 7:14**). At least get the glow that Moses had and *then* ask for more; that’s what Moses did.

Before asking God to show His glory, what God had said to Moses was “anything you ask me I will do it.” Moses *then* answered “show me your glory, show me Your original state,” (**Exo 33:18**). God wants you to go from glory to glory. He wants you to see the original state that you were supposed to be in; the original authority that you had. Some people are fine with the permissive will of God but He likes His *original* plan because it’s His divine plan.

I have another ministry called Divine Purpose, my first ministry, that I traveled under teaching these types of lessons. Getting back to the grassroots of where we come from; your *divine* purpose, not just ‘your’ purpose. People think work is your purpose. No, no — you only work because you don’t know who you are. That’s why Adam worked in the garden, to find himself and who he was (**Gen 2:15**). It’s not about work but about His face and who He is.

Abraham was considered a friend [of God]. A lot of us don’t see us sacrificing our first sons, but when you *love* God and He has shown Himself you can’t help but to obey. You have no other choice but to obey. Abraham didn’t even act like he had a choice, did he? He obeyed because God had shown Himself to him. He came and had a *meal* with him (**Gen 18:1**)! Who else does He have a meal with in scripture? *You*—when you got saved.

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” - Rev 3:20 KJV

That’s amazing—He had a meal with you without you even knowing!

we are boxed in

... whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them ... For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. - 2Co 4:4; 1Co 13:12 NKJV

Before we were saved we were blind, and now saved we *still* see dimly until He comes. When He comes all will be unveiled to us. Even through salvation’s eyes we have a hard time seeing. The carnal mind is always fighting; Satan works overtime to distract us. He works to get you caught up in television, your job, your life, and all fleshy stuff. So much that when these [teachings] come it’s hard to separate those moments from the spiritual things.

You can’t see past your own little life, you can’t see God. He’s a big blocking — he keeps us in such a box to see only our own little hell. Instead of the Ark of the Covenant you are the box of the covenant where you can’t see the glory at all. That’s how he works, he is real cunning. He boxes you in, opening your eyes to everything else except for what you need to see. He did the same with Adam and Eve; their eyes were opened to everything they didn’t need to see (**Gen 3:7**).

God walked with Adam in His glory. When God walks with — He is God to whomever He is walking with. He walked *with* Adam, that's powerful. He wasn't just his friend but Adam's everything because He walked with Him. And God is always trying to get you into that place. He always is saying things that we take for granted. He said, "I would never leave you or forsake you, I am with you." (**Deu 31:6**). Yet we respond "I know You said that You would never leave me but I don't feel You." What is wrong with you?

You don't know the volume of the word that He came in (**Psa 40:7**). Since we don't value our word, we don't value The Word. When you have a problem trusting yourself you will never trust Him. If you can't even keep your own words how could you trust someone else's. That's why you question every five minutes, because you have a hard time trusting your words. You then project that onto God, as if He is going to be a liar.

We all want to change but change never occurs because we haven't gotten out of our box of covenant. We are in covenant relationship with 'this box.' Our box is no bigger than our back yard; some haven't been outside of Texas because that's our box. We are boxed in. We haven't even seen the world, we just heard about it and watched it on t.v. We don't even know if it's real yet. You have to see it for yourself.

seeking brings sight

We have to be in relationship with Him so that He can show us more than what we have seen. The devil brings up illusions—how could you tell 'real' from illusion? We don't even want to study, yet we will *see* more! Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (**Mat 6:33**). His right way of seeing and doing things; that is righteousness. When we see the right way then we know what is the wrong way. This is why it's so easy to speak/come against demons, spirits, and sickness—because we know it's wrong. But we, being in His righteousness, know what is right.

That is why we are able to pull down & cast down, because we know His righteousness. It's not right for a demon to be inside of a man or someone to have sickness, so we'll cast it out. Pray that His justice rolls down like a river (**Amo 5:24**). When God's justice shows up it's because you said something right. The law makers can make all the laws they want but there has to be law enforcement. If we catch a demon speeding by we're able to 'ticket' it; cast it out. *We are the law enforcement.*