

The Holy of Holies and the Glory of God

Hebrews 9:1-5 -- description of the holy place and holy of holies.

Exodus 25:1-8, Instruction to take an offering to make a sanctuary so God can dwell with them

Exodus 25:10-22, Instruction for the ark of the covenant... and between the two cherubim the Lord would meet them.

1. Here in Heb. 9, **Golden altar of incense** is mentioned as part of the holy of holies even though it was in Holy Place

Did the writer of Hebrews mess up? or was there a reason?

The altar of incense speaks of prayer... the way into the Glory God has for us.

Ex. 30:6 -- it was right in front of the veil and the ark.

Exodus 30:1-8 - description of the golden altar of incense.

Pray in the Spirit - Jude 20

Pray by the Spirit - Rom. 8:26



2. **VEIL** -- **Heb. 9:3**, Exodus 26:31

Ex. 26:31, it had cherubim in it.

Gen. 3:24 - Cherubim guarded the tree of life in the garden

Eph. 2:14 - veil speaks of the middle wall of partition between God and man. The veil speaks an emphatic "NO TRESSPASSING"

Mt. 27:51 - veil was ripped in two., from top to bottom, because it was the hand of God doing it! It was a symbolic act showing that God had come down and made the way available to the glory of God.

Heb. 10:19-22 - having boldness to enter, through the veil, that is His Flesh,

John 14:6 - I am the way, the truth, and the life.. no man comes to the Father but by me.

A most crucial event affecting all mankind happened at the moment of Jesus' death on the cross. The Veil was rent from top to bottom. This is significant because it afforded free access into the Holy of Holies. The Veil had been up to this time a barrier. That barrier was now gone.

Heb. 9:12 -- with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once and for all.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

3. **ark of the covenant** - Only thing in the Holy of holies

Two tables of the covenant - Deut 31:26 (type of the Father, lawgiver)

Pot of manna - Exodus 16:33 (type of son - bread of life) John 6:35,48)

Aaron's rod that budded -- Numbers 17:10 (type of Holy Spirit)

Mercy seat with two cherubim on either end (Ex. 25:10-22)

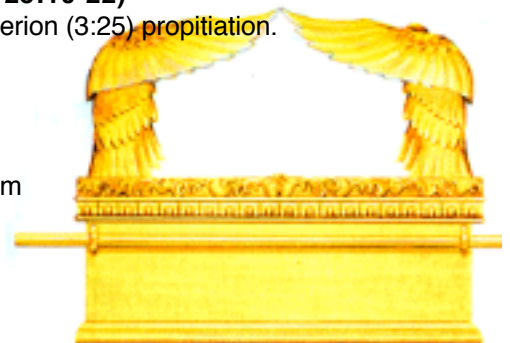
Romans 3:23-26 - Greek word for mercy seat = hilasterion (3:25) propitiation.

Purpose of the tabernacle

Exodus 25:8-10 - Make a tabernacle that I might dwell among them

Exodus 25:22 -- There I will **meet with you** (mercy seat)

Numbers 7:8,9 -- God spoke to Moses from the mercy seat.



It was about the Glory of God coming among men!

Heb 12:21 -- Moses was terrified

"Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, the whole mountain trembled violently, and the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder. Then Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him." **Exodus 19:17-19, NIV.**

The one who came down on that mountain was the one who designed the universe.

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff. "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing." **Isaiah 40:21-26, NIV.**

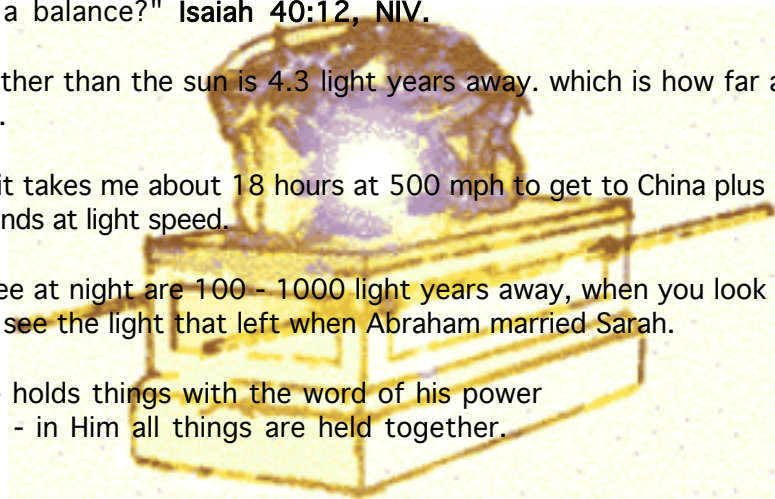
"Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance?" **Isaiah 40:12, NIV.**

Our closest star other than the sun is 4.3 light years away. which is how far at 186,282 miles/sec or 670 million mph.

Example: it takes me about 18 hours at 500 mph to get to China plus layovers. It would take .008 seconds at light speed.

Most stars you see at night are 100 - 1000 light years away, when you look at one 4000 light years away you actually see the light that left when Abraham married Sarah.

Heb 1:3 - holds things with the word of his power
Col. 1:17 - in Him all things are held together.



The glory of God

Exodus 33:20 - you cannot see my face...

Heb. 12:29 - 1 John 1:5 - unapproachable light, which no man can see

1 Timothy 6:15,16 - unapproachable light, which no man can see

Psalm 104:2 - He wears light as a garment

Acts 26:13 - Paul saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around him

Exodus 33:18-19 - Lord show me your glory

Heb. glory = **kabowd** = the weight of something, splendor, abundance and honor.

2 Cor. 4:6 - the glory of God is revealed in the face of Jesus.

The disciples did not see Jesus in all his glory after resurrection.

John 20:15-16, 21:9-13

Rev. 1:13-17, John saw him like the sun shining in its strength.

Exodus 20:18-21

Exodus 20:18,19, the people saw thunders, lightning, trumpet, mountain smoking and stood afar off. They did not want to hear God's audible voice or stand in his presence. They had seen great miracles. Enough manna to fill over 200 box cars a day,

As coming out of Egypt typifies salvation and freedom from oppressors (**Col. 1:3**). They saw miracles of God

as have many in today's church.

Psalm 105:37 - they saw prosperity

Psalm 105:37 - they saw healing and health Divine.

These people were comfortable, even excited about miracles (Ex. 15:1,20), yet uncomfortable to the point that they retreated from the presence of His glory. They could hide sin in the atmosphere of miracles.

Matt. 7:22,23 - have we not prophesied, done miracles...?

In miracles, sin can remain hidden, but not in the glory of God.

Gen. 2-3, Adam and Eve hid themselves from the glory of God after disobedience

Exodus 20:20-21, Moses told them God had come so... they would not sin.

God was so brilliant he had to hide in the thick black cloud.

Deuteronomy 5

Deut. 5:24 - People said the Lord has shown us His glory and they heard his voice. Yet, they only saw through a cloud and heard thunder.

Deut 5:27 - They told Moses to go near and tell them all the Lord said and they would do it.

They had good intentions, but thought they could keep what God said without having God deal with the sin in their heart.

Some of the church wants to get God's word from others but withdraw from the mountain of God. Are we afraid to hear the Voice that lays bare the condition of our hearts?

Deut. 5:28,29 - Oh that they had a heart of fear Me and keep my commandments. The Lord knew that they lacked what they needed to abide in His presence - holy fear. so he told them "back to your tents (Deut. 5:30)

Deut. 5:31 - Moses, You can stand here with me, I will speak to you.

Deut. 5:4,5 - they were afraid of the fire, not realize that God would heal anything he revealed or exposed had they had the heart to draw near, but they loved their state and did not desire to change.

God went to great lengths to get his people out of Egypt with signs and wonders, carefully led them to bring them to Himself, prepare them to bring His glory to the earth, and make them priests and He would dwell among them and be their God, yet when He brought them to Himself, they ran away!

God chose Aaron to be a priest, then (Ex. 19:24) he had to get down and come up with Aaron (20:21), but Aaron ended up with the people. God came again to Moses... (Ex. 24:1,2, but Moses alone could come near), others went to a place on the mountain above the camp.

Many worship from afar because it is safe to them.

God is calling us to His mountain to know Him intimately

Psalm 25:14

A manageable God

Ex. 24:12-18 - wait here until we come back to you. Moses went for 40 days and 40 nights. Joshua waited somewhere in-between the elders and Moses, the people were back down at the foot of the mountain.

Aaron was originally asked to come up with Moses, yet failed to do so. He found more comfort in the presence of the people than the presence of God. The next time Aaron is mentioned while Moses was on the mountain those 40 days, Aaron was back in the camp and the other elders were with him!

The camp is that which is familiar. The church that has been delivered from Egypt (world) and is at the foot of God's mountain, but far enough from his presence to keep its heart from being exposed. It is not back in Egypt, and has all the forms of serving and moving with God, but is really far from His heart. Aaron gravitated there, how many of us do too?

Aaron changed the image of God.

Exodus 32:1ff - the people did what religious people do when God is not doing anything exciting, they have a meeting in the name of the Lord.

Here was Aaron who was originally to go to the top with Moses, the people gravitated to him because he would give them what they wanted.

Aaron had a gift-- called leadership (**Rom 12:8** a gift from God), which draws people like a magnet whether or not the man has been to the mountain or not?

This can explain why you can have a church meeting of 5000 and God doesn't show up. someone uses his God-given gifts to carry out the people's desires, not God's. He has not been to the mountain to hear from God, but has a big following because of the gift.

They disqualified or discredited Moses.

They wanted to make *Elohiym* -- used 2000 times of Jehovah, and 250 times to describe a false god, so you need to look at the context to find its meaning.

Exodus 32:2-5 - they took earrings, proclaimed a feast to JEHOVAH or Yahweh. Only ever used to describe the true God. He said, Look, here is Yahweh, the true God, who brought us up out of the land of Egypt. They acknowledge that Yahweh had saved and delivered them from Egypt, did not deny his healing power, they **reduced His glory**.

Exodus 32:7 - your people had corrupted themselves -- corrupted = to decay.

Jer. 2:13 - my people have forsaken the fountain of living waters and hew out cisterns.

Luke 9:23 - we must daily come to the mountain, deny self take up the cross

Exodus 32:21-24, "this calf came out". Aaron had not been to the mountain, thus he had an inward image of what God was like that was shaped by the society in which he was raised. That is what came out of him.

Aaron had spent 80 years in Egypt, He was raised there, parents were born and died there, surrounded by Egyptian culture, and worship. Because Aaron did not go to the mountain like Moses, the image of Yahweh was forged by the society in which he was raised. It was an impotent God.

John 3:3,5 - seeing the kingdom and entering the kingdom. We are not to stop when we see the kingdom (born again) but make sure that we enter it.

Acts 14:21,22 - Paul said to those who were already saved... we must through much tribulations enter the kingdom of God.

Aaron was delivered from Egypt (saved), but he did not know God intimately. He played church at the foot of the mountain which resulted in God's image being reduced to what he had absorbed from his surroundings.

Romans 1:20-21 - they know him but give Him far less honor than he deserves.

Romans 1:23 - changed the glory of incorruptible God into man

Our society worships self... corruptible man. Israel was surrounded by a society that worshipped golden images of animals and insects. Modern-day church is surrounded by a culture that worships self or man.

When Aaron and the people of God drew back from God's glory on the mountain, the image of God was formed by what Egypt worshipped. Today, when believers draw back, they worship -- self or man.

Much of our TV ministry revolves around a God who can do this for man, can bless us with this, and meet this need, can make us happy, can fulfill us... not, take up your cross and follow him.

We have served a Jesus in the image we have made. We call Him Lord and acknowledge his saving, healing, delivering power, but is the the Lord of Majesty or an image of Jesus we have made more in the image of ourselves and call Lord?

Idolatry is a convenient form of worship. An idol gives the worship what it wants--the dictates of their own

hearts since they are the ones who create it. You can be passionate for anything and make your idol dictate laws that fit your desires.

"Who shapes a god and casts an idol, which can profit him nothing?" **Isaiah 44:10, NIV.**

"So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterwards they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry." **Exodus 32:6, NIV.**

They went to their church service at the foot of God's mountain, professed Jehovah's love and greatness, gave offerings, sang songs, preached sermons. Their Jehovah gave them a message that they love hearing, had a fellowship meal, and by the time Moses got to them they were unrestrained (**Ex. 32:25**)

"For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry." **1 Samuel 15:23, NIV.**

"But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes to you and preaches **a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached**, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a **different gospel** from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough." **2 Corinthians 11:3, 4, NIV.**

If we don't want to submit to God's authority, then we serve "our Jesus" whose will is in accordance to our own heart desires. With "God understands my heart" (Doris Mead), when in fact it is rebellion, our lips honor him, but our fear towards Him.

"The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men." **Isaiah 29:13, NIV.**

We filter God's word and commands through our culturally influenced thinking, so our image of His glory is formed by our limited perceptions rather than by the true image revealed through His living Word.

One of two things is going to happen to a believer: either he is going to be **transformed to the image of Jesus** by allowing the Word of God that is spoken in the presence of Jesus to change him or he is going to **conform Jesus into the image of what his heart dictates**. If you go to the mountain you change. If you stay at the foot of the mountain, as Aaron, God's image in you changes.

Exodus 34:29b - Moses face shone after he was on the mountain.

Psalm 34:5b - **they looked at Him and were radiant**. Those able to look at Jesus are those who have removed the desires of Egypt from their hearts, they have one desire to know the Lord of glory.

Who is the Jesus we serve? The one of the Bible, or one who has been shaped by the ways and desires of the society we live in?

Jesus is our everything. Our Wisdom, Sanctification, Salvation, Healing. God's Word is Christ – centered, the problem is that often the people of God are not and thus we are not reflecting Jesus. Many Christians have become more "spiritual" than Jesus was. Colossian church was into angels, and all kinds of "spiritual things and yet lost sight of Jesus.

Anti-Christ, Gk., means "in place of Christ." Satan has been able to get many Christians to replace Jesus with many things.

2 Cor. 11:4 – preaching another Jesus or different gospel.

For 1700 years we have another Jesus another spirit (does not give gifts) and another gospel.

We see a Jesus other than the Jesus of Mathew, Mark, Luke, John. We have two Jesus', but the one in the

Gospels is the one seated at the right hand of the Father. The Other Jesus we can't be sure of what Jesus would do, so we can't

2 Cor. 10:3,4 – We battle arguments, and ideals, and theologies.

Some of us have trouble receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit because of things that we were taught about the Holy Spirit, or had to adjust their thinking to receive. Many are not saved because of their way of viewing God. People don't receive Christ because they have a funny idea about God. Many don't receive healing because we have made it so complex with a fortress of thoughts contrary to what the gospels reveal to us about healing. This fortress of faults is a false Jesus.

Mt. 8:1-3... when the leper came up to Jesus (crying "unclean, unclean" the multitudes departed.

(I know you have the power and the ability to heal, the question is, "Do you want to?")

Our experience does not line up with this... let's deal with the issues of how God has a heart to heal and yet we don't have a real understanding of this. We need to ask the hard questions.

Experience Says... don't get our hopes up to much, sometimes God heals and sometimes he doesn't, we need to protect ourselves and everyone else because we really are not seeing dramatic healing.

Therefore... We don't understand the depth of God's desire to heal... whatever longing or emotion you have had when sick to be healed, it pales in significance to God's desire to heal. **"I am desiring it with all my heart!" We know God CAN heal**, but question God's desire to heal.

Jesus reached out his hand TOUCHED this man, (not for laying on of hands to heal) when no man had touched him for a long time. He did not get healed when Jesus touched him, but when Jesus spoke the WORD. Jesus touched him to heal his heart, emotion, his isolation, and let him know it was OK. Jesus wants to heal inside as well as body. He is touched with the FEELING of our infirmity, We don't understand the depth of the heart of God to heal, so we have a weak foundation for our faith.

OUR FAITH = "I know he CAN, but lack the confidence and conviction that God **desires to** heal with all his heart." We need a stronger foundation for our faith in healing for ourselves as well as for others. God wants to HEAL.

Why are people not healed? One reason NOT is a person's lack of faith. This is a humanly created terrible doctrine.

1 Tim. 2: 1-4... God wants every person to be saved!

Do you believe that God wants to save everyone.

A prayer for everyone... who desires all men to be saved. **God wants every person to be saved!** Salvation (SOZO) means delivered from sin, preserved, healed, delivered – an all encompassing grace word bringing the redemption of Jesus to mankind. YET, not everyone is going to be saved! This is a conflict between the heart of God and will of God and experience.

What will cause more to be saved? ... to get out and preach the Word that Jesus wants you to be saved.

Mark 6:1-6, Jesus at his home town

And he **could there do no mighty work**, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed *them*. And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

For the 30 years they had known him, they knew Jesus as a **nice guy, not a miracle worker**. The church is used to Jesus being a nice guy who doesn't do anything. When the Lord starts doing something, we get excited, then have problems because of generations of unbelief.

V6. Jesus response to corporate unbelief... so he went around the villages teaching... about the Kingdom of God.

God wants to heal in grocery store, lowe's, your house, school, street, farm, so that when people in your neighborhood get sick, they come to your house (LIKE BISHOP Tsiophe). Children, teens, adults. I want to walk in this kind of thing, I want to recover God's heart in healing. If we will feel what He feels, we will see what he saw.

This woman continued with Jesus and did not go anywhere else. We need to do the same. We are going to teach, declare, proclaim God wants to heal. If you come and want prayer, you have faith. If you don't get healed, it is my fault, not your fault. We are all going to have to pull together. Let's fight to believe.

JOHN WIMBER... a leader in the modern healing ministry... prayed for 1000 people before he saw the first healing. Imagine number 875 coming and John saying "God wants to heal you." Number 998, still none healed.

MY PRAYER WITH GRAMPA HEISEY... he died the next day.

We must **get past the fear of people not being healed**... or fear that people will be disappointed. One guy felt that Lord wanted him to pull a guy out of wheelchair, the guy fell on top of him, was not healed, and they are thrashing around on the floor getting untangled. He felt that the guy would be disappointed, and said "I'm sorry." The guy said it was the best workout he had in months, thanks for caring enough to do what you felt God

wanted you to do.

Mt. 15:21-28 -- Jesus only turned away one person for healing

We can see the heart of the Father by looking at what Jesus did.

Jesus never turned anyone away who came to him for healing... he never said it was not the will of the Father to heal (**Mt. 15:21-28**) except for one person, the Canaanite woman. Disciples said, "Master, if you are not going to heal her, then send her away, this does not look good for your healing ministry ." Jesus said that it was not Father's will to heal her daughter. She worshipped... got down on knees with her forehead and asked "Help me!" She did not quote a scripture stating the gospel would go to the Gentiles.

Jesus said, that it was not right to give what was for God's special children, and give it to a dog like you. She humbled herself, and kept asking, and Jesus responded to her and said, "Woman, you have awesome faith, be it unto you as you desire." She just kept asking for mercy and help and did not quit because she knew God's heart for healing and kept pressing onward. Her daughter was made whole the very same hour.

The average Christian today **stops asking** assuming that God does not want to heal when we hear nothing. Canaanite woman did not take silence as evidence that Jesus did not want to heal her daughter. **Jesus was her only hope so she did not quit asking.** She also did not argue, but kept asking... help me, have mercy. We may hear or feel that God does not want to heal at this time, and we stop praying. Keep praying, don't stop. We stop praying, check out the pharmacy, use the medical insurance, instead of keep going to Jesus.

This woman was told that she did not have covenant with God so healing was not by right hers. We may feel we can't get healing because we have not prayed enough, fasted enough, YES this may be true, but Jesus help us.

Be it unto you as you desired... she desired healing RIGHT NOW... and I think that often Jesus marvels at our pathetic lack of faith. We are seeing little baby stuff, when God wants to do much more.

When Jesus walked on water, Jesus said you have little faith. If you are walking on water and Jesus says you have only little faith, what is available for great faith.

The only person Jesus refused to heal... he healed them.

One time in Jesus said this sickness is not unto death... he died (Lazarus) and then raised him from the dead.

The only thing that hindered Jesus from healing... CORPORATE unbelief.