

☞ People of God's Glory

Two key people to whom God revealed his glory: Moses and David. Why? What can we find in common with these guys?

1. ☞ Hungry for God

Moses

Exodus 33:15, 18

15 Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.

18 Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

David

Psalms 26:8

I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells.

☞ Psalms 84:1-2

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty! 2 **My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**

Have you ever been really hungry? Not just for a snack, but I mean seriously hungry.

The ark had been in Philistine country, but Saul didn't seem to care. The Philistines had returned it, but he didn't go after it. Almost immediately upon becoming king, David did! It may have been because of the condition of Saul's heart toward the Lord. He had a rebellious heart.

When God comes in fullness there is conviction...

Exodus 3:6 Moses hid

Judges 6:22 Gideon was afraid

Ezekiel 1:28 Ezekiel fell facedown

Daniel 10 Daniel lost his strength

Luke 5:8 Peter fell down & confessed "I am sinful"

Isaiah 64:6

...all our righteous acts are like filthy rags...

One of the reasons God's presence is so powerful and people are hesitant or react with fear is that his glory reveals the true nature of our sin!

--John Piper... "If you don't feel strong desires for the manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because you have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because you have nibbled so long at the table of the world. Your soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great."

--J. Vernon McGee... *What is your ambition in life today? Is it to get rich? Is it to make a name for yourself? Is it even to do some wonderful thing for God? Listen to me, beloved. **The highest desire that can possess any human heart is a longing to see God.***

--A.W. Tozer... *What I am anxious to see in Christian believers is a beautiful paradox. I want to see in them the joy of finding God while at the same time they are blessedly pursuing Him. I want to see in them the great joy of having God yet always wanting Him.*

2. ☞Humble

True humility is a lack of ego or pride. It is having a modest opinion of yourself and it means ☞**putting the needs of another person before your own.**

--John Ashcroft... *The most important thing my dad ever taught me is that there are more important things than me.*

Exodus 3:11

But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

1 Samuel 18:18

But David said to Saul, "Who am I, and what is my family or my father's clan in Israel, that I should become the king's son-in-law?"

David

1 Chronicles 21:17 (the prideful census)

David said to God, "Was it not I who ordered the fighting men to be counted? I am the one who has sinned and done wrong. These are but sheep. What have they done? O LORD my God, let your hand fall upon me and my family, but do not let this plague remain on your people."

Moses

Numbers 12:3

Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.

Exodus 32:9-11 (golden calf)

"I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. 10 Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation." 11 But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. "O LORD," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand?"

Numbers 12:2, 10, 13 (Aaron & Miriam)

2 "Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken through us?" And the LORD heard this.

10 When the cloud lifted from above the Tent, there stood Miriam — leprous, like snow.

13 So Moses cried out to the LORD, "O God, please heal her!"

If God's glory brings conviction and correction will you respond with humility? Will you **☞intercede for others even if it seems that they "deserve" his rebuke?** That's what Moses did; and that's what Jesus did.

--A.W. Tozer... *Because Christ Jesus came to the world clothed in humility, he will always be found among those who are clothed with humility. He will be found among the humble people.*

☞ **Isaiah 57:15**

I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.

It was John Riskin who said, "I believe the first test of a truly great man is his humility. I do not mean by humility, doubt of his own power, or hesitation in speaking his opinion. But really great men have a feeling that the greatness is not in them but through them; that they could not do or be anything else than God made them."

David exemplified this attitude. He remembered his humble beginnings and it shaped his attitude and behavior throughout his life.

2 Samuel 7:18

"Who am I, O Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?"

When David finally had the opportunity to bring the Ark of the Covenant into the city, his humility showed in his extravagant worship of God. He set aside his kingly attire and didn't seem to mind if it seemed humiliating in people's eyes.

2 Samuel 6:14; 20-22 (bringing up the ark)

14 David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might...

20 Michal... said, "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, disrobing in the sight of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!" 21 David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the LORD's people Israel-I will celebrate before the LORD. 22 I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor."

3. ☞ **Hear and Heed**

Moses

Exodus 33:13

If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you.

Exodus 7:6

Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD commanded them.

This phrase is used 49 times in regard to Moses

David

1 Chronicles 15:13

It was because you, the Levites, did not bring it up the first time that the LORD our God broke out in anger against us. We did not inquire of him about how to do it in the prescribed way."

☞ ***Greatness in the kingdom of God is measured in terms of obedience.***

If God be God over us, we must yield him universal obedience in all things. He must not be over us in one thing, and under us in another, but he must be over us in everything.

-- Dorothy Kerin... Obedience is the key that unlocks the door to every profound spiritual experience.

Are you really willing to heed his voice? His voice usually brings a call...

1 Kings 19:12 God's quiet voice called Elijah

Isaiah 6:8 God called Isaiah

Matthew 4:19 Jesus called Peter and Andrew

Acts 9:6 The Lord called Paul

☞ *I wonder if the reason we don't hear God's voice, is that we are unwilling to **surrender to his call?***

Moses and David got to see and experience the glory of God. They knew what it was to have the presence of God with them in power. To a certain extent, that was simply because God chose them. But they also had some characteristics that attracted God's glory.

☞ **Hunger for Him**

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Be Humble

James 4:6

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Hear Him and Heed Him

1 John 2:6

Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

Let's be the kind of people to whom God will reveal his glory!

Hungry, Humble, Hearing, Heeding

Song: Here For You