

Meeting God Face To Face

*“My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, LORD, I will seek.”
(Psalms 27:8)*

The desire of King David was to seek God’s face. For seeking God, looking for God and meeting God face to face was King David godly desire. Seeking God’s face is to know His will in order to satisfy Him. There are people who are sincerely and willingly start to seek God to know Him better and to obey Him more in order to please Him. For such kind of people God will reveal Himself more to them and make things more clear to them. But there is another type of people who are not interested in God and not interested in seeking God to know His will in their lives and to obey Him. With such kind of people who are far away from Him, God still may chose to reveal His will to them. They will have an encounter with God; all of a sudden with out notice they will meet God face to face. After that encounter their lives will not be the same, and their walk with God will be completely change. Now we will go through some of the events from the Bible where people encounter God in such a way; where He entered their lives and introduced Himself to them and changed them.

1- Zacchaeus: *“Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a `sinner.” But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.” (Luke 19:1-10)* Zacchaeus was chief tax collector; he was blinded with the love of money. He cheated many people but he was changed when he meet Jesus who told him only one sentence, *“Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” (Luke 19:5)* That Word of Jesus, *“I must stay at your home today,”* changed that greedy and selfish man, and broke the bondage of the love of money and made him a righteous person who loves Justice. He compensated those whom he had cheated four times what he had taken from them. Jesus transformed that man’s heart fully from the first encounter. Truly He had mercy on him and revealed Himself to him and granted him salvation.

2- The Samaritan woman: *“Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he*

*would have given you living water.” “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?” Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.” “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus declared, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” Then Jesus declared, “I who speak to you am he.” Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” They came out of the town and made their way toward him.” (John 4:6-26, 28-30) The Lord met that woman and in a short meeting He revealed Himself to her as the Messiah, the Christ, and He changed her life completely. She was a woman who lived in sin and walked with the devil. She was adulterous, living with five men in the dark part of the world. She was living in a shameful life but Jesus reached her. Once she met the Lord, her life changed. She was delivered from the sin of adultery and Jesus took the shame of her sin and she was changed from a woman who lived in darkness away from God to a woman whom Jesus freed from sin and dead. After she met the Lord she was the agent to bring others to Christ, not ashamed of her sin and her past life. She testified to the people, *“Come see a man who told me everything I ever did,”* Inviting the people to Jesus in order for them to live in the freedom of Christ.*

My Dear and Beloved: Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. He can change people and transform them. Therefore trust Him fully He can do the impossible for you. He can do what is beyond your reach and imagination. Trust Him your life and the circumstances around you as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that gives me wisdom and more faith and trust in you. I pray that you help me to put this Word into action in my life. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*