

o6. Jesus the face of God



Exodus 33:7-11

Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the Lord would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent.



Exodus 33:7-11

When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the Lord would speak with Moses. When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tent. Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.



Exodus 33:18-23

Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” The Lord said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.”

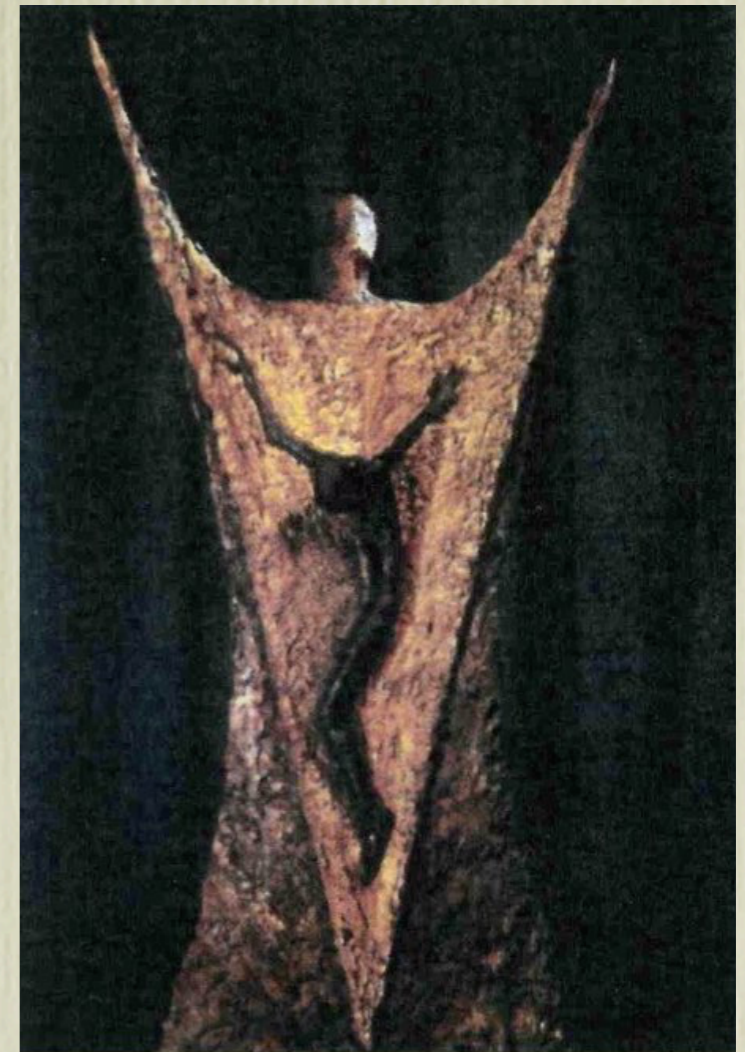
The Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

There are many who say, “O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!” (Psalm 4:6)

“How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?”(Psalm 13:1).

“The Lord did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried” (Psalm 22:24).

“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”
Your face, Lord, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me”(Psalm 27:8-9).



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“Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love”(Psalm 31:16).

Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed (Psalm 34:5).

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God?(Psalm 42:2).

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us (Psalm 67:1).

Do not hide your face from me
in the day of my distress.

Incline your ear to me;
answer me speedily in the day when I call (Psalm 102:2).

‘If you knew me, you would know my Father also’(John 8:19).

‘Whoever sees me sees the One who sent me’(John 12:45).

Philip said to Jesus, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own;

but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.’

(John 14:8-11)

Mark 15:37-39

Jesus gave a loud cry and
breathed his last.

The curtain of the temple
was torn in two, from top to
bottom.

When the centurion, who
stood facing him, saw how
Jesus died, he said, “Truly this
man was God’s Son!”



Revelation 1:12-16

‘I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me,
and on turning I saw seven golden lamp-stands,
and in the midst of the lamp-stands I saw one like the Son of Man,
clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest.
His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow;
his eyes were like a flame of fire,
his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace,
and his voice was like the sound of many waters.
In his right hand he held seven stars,
and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword,
and his face was like the sun shining with full force.’

Revelation 22:1-5

‘The angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city.

On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

The throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him.

They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

There will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

‘All of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit’ (2 Corinthians 3:18).

‘It is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ’ (2 Corinthians 4:6).

John 1:14, 18

‘The Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son,
full of grace and truth ...

No one has ever seen God, it is God’s only Son,
who is in the bosom of the Father, who has made God known.’





‘Lord, open our eyes that we may see’(Matthew 20:33).

