

FACETIME

I believe that wonder and an Encounter with God... go hand in hand.

Let's take a look at this familiar passage of scripture...

Proverbs 29: 18 – "Where there is no vision, the people perish"

Other translations use the word revelation. Without a revelation of ...without a revealing of God the people parish.

I believe there is a greater context to this passage. Take a look at the Hebrew definition of the word vision. The Hebrew word for vision there is chazah or chazown –to gaze; as seen in the ecstatic state. A rapturous encounter that leaves a person in a state filled with joy.

A paraphrasing of this scripture would say... "Without an encounter with God that leaves a person in a state of sudden, intense overpowering emotion...they will die."

When our triune God leaned over the form of a man and breathed life into a sculpted form of dirt, the supernatural began the process of transformation to replicate the image that hovered above it and the nature of man is brought forth. And the very first vision that man saw was seared into his heart and soul; his eyes... his imagination...his all and all. This vision is now seeded with a longing ...and the only thing that satisfies this creature...is another encounter.

Ps. 24:6 - This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face

To see God, face to face meant to know God fully and seek to exhaust the mystery of His being. Which will never happen...but oh for the adventure. Yet Moses' request was impossible. And given a glimpse of his backside...well...Moses leaves it there. I'm quite sure it was impossible to describe God.

Yet we want pictures and words that will feed our understanding. But to picture God with a hand big enough to cover a crevice in a mountain that was big enough to hide a man is a very inadequate descriptive of Him. His hands hold the universes. That is a very inadequate descriptive of him. But it feeds our limited and small understanding and helps us to feed the longing for his face. It feeds our longing to see Him.

We all know that the signs of God's presence are all around us, but we've forgotten how to see. H. G. Wells said, "There was a time when I looked up at the stars and felt a sense of awe and wonder. Now I look at the stars in the same sense that I look at the wallpaper in a train station waiting room."

A big part of seeing or beholding or gazing upon the Lord is being able to see Him and walking in enough light to keep a clear vision. The seraphim's that minister before his presence do so with their faces covered. But we have been given a direct invitation to gaze. There is a day coming when all of heaven and earth will flee from His face.

FACETIME is now redefined. Lord help us to seek you daily and remember that your face, your presence, is our solitary source of survival.