



**Talk It Over  
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*“Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up [the mountainside]. And they saw the God of Israel [that is, a convincing manifestation of His presence], and under His feet it was like pavement of bright sapphire stone, like the very heavens in clearness. And upon the nobles of the Israelites He laid not His hand [to conceal Himself from them, to rebuke their daring, or to harm them]; but they saw [the manifestation of the Presence of] God, and ate and drank.” - Exodus 24:9-11 (AMPC)*

*“I do not call you servants (slaves) any longer, for the servant does not know what his master is doing (working out). But I have called you My friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from My Father. [I have revealed to you everything that I have learned from Him.]” - John 15:15 (AMPC)*

Friendship is one of the greatest words in human language. Friends are among our most valuable life assets.

We do not make friends with God – God makes friends with us, bringing us into a personal, intimate love relationship with Himself.

Moses was a man who had “a ruling sense of God’s Presence in his life.”

There is no encounter that so surely makes all things new as an encounter with the Living God.

The Bible is a record of men and women who have had a vision of God – of His Presence.

Is there anything our culture needs more urgently than to recapture that kind of personal intimacy with God?

There will be no return to sanity, equality, or peace until there is a recall to God.

The experience of Moses and the others with him on the mountain suggest three things to us:

- 1) Something about the character of God.
- 2) They realized a new fellowship with one another.
- 3) The signing of a covenant.

He desires to be our covenant friend!

As His covenant friends, His greatest delight is in blessing us, making us the envy of all who see His favor upon us.

**Additional Scriptures:** Exodus 33:11 (AMPC); Exodus 24:9-11 (MSG); John 15:15 (MSG)

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