Sermon Summary september 17 2023 Summary

Pastor Carl began the sermon by discussing Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush in Exodus 19, where Moses was instructed to remove his shoes due to the holiness of God's presence. He then compared this to Isaiah's vision of God on the throne in Isaiah 6, which came during a low point in Isaiah's life but propelled him into his ministry.

Pastor Carl talked about how Isaiah was seeing visions of future events as if they were already completed, because God sees everything past, present, and future all at once. He used Joseph's story as an example of trusting God during difficult circumstances rather than taking things into one's own hands.

Pastor Carl discussed how the Israelites experienced God's manifest presence mightily after being delivered from Egypt, but that many Christians today attend church without truly knowing His presence. He encouraged cultivating an intimate daily relationship with God and accepting His sovereignty over one's circumstances.

In closing, Pastor Carl emphasized that truly knowing God's presence requires walking in obedience, not complaining, and fixing one's eyes on God's goodness rather than what upsets us. He shared how when he was a child, simply calling on the name of Jesus always resulted in Him showing up.

