

THIN SPACES

encountering glory

Love Shrouded Glory

Mt 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God

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1 Cor 13:12

For now, we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

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1 John 3:2

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is

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John 17:24

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world

Jesus desires 2 things in the John 17:24 text

1. For us to be with him where he is –

direct proximity

For us to see the glory of Jesus

What does the word “glory” represent?

Hebrew *kabod* -

most basic root means heavy, weighty

Filled with mattering.

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Ezekiel 1:28

“Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord, and when I saw it, I fell on my face and I heard the voice of one speaking . . .”

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Revelation 1:17

*“When I saw him, I fell at his feet
as though dead. . .”*

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Psalm 39:5,6

“Surely all of humankind stands as a mere breath!

Surely a human person goes about as a shadow.”

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1 Peter 1:24

“People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades.”

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Psalm 1:4

“They are like chaff that the wind blows away.”

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2 Corinthians 4:17

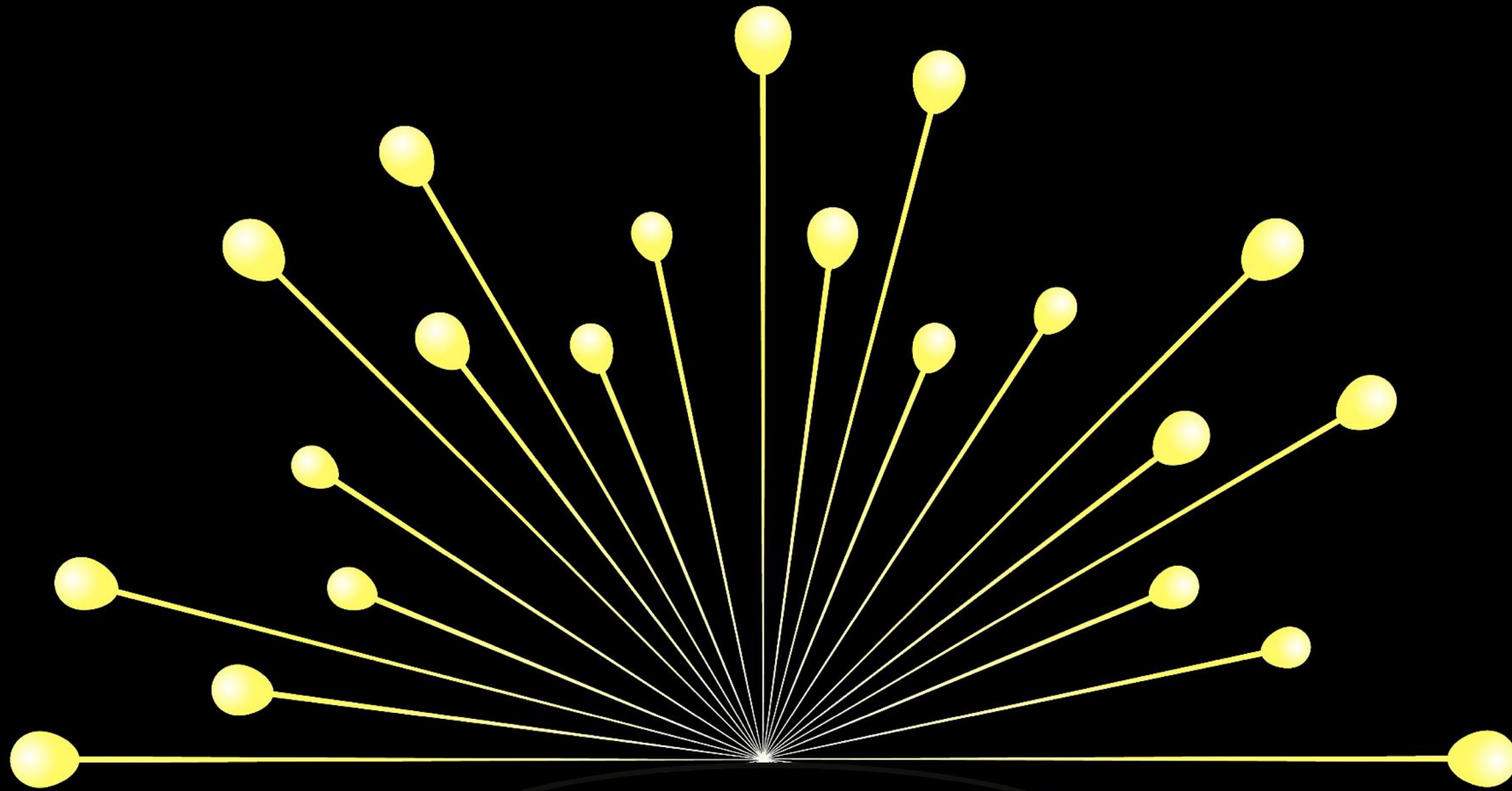
“This light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.”











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The Cleft of the Rock

“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”

ex 33:9

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Moses says to God:

“You said I know you by name and you have also found favor in my sight.”

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*“Therefore, if I have found favor in your sight,
please show me your ways, that I may know you in
order to find favor in your sight.”*

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What does favor mean?

“For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people – is it not in your going with us?”

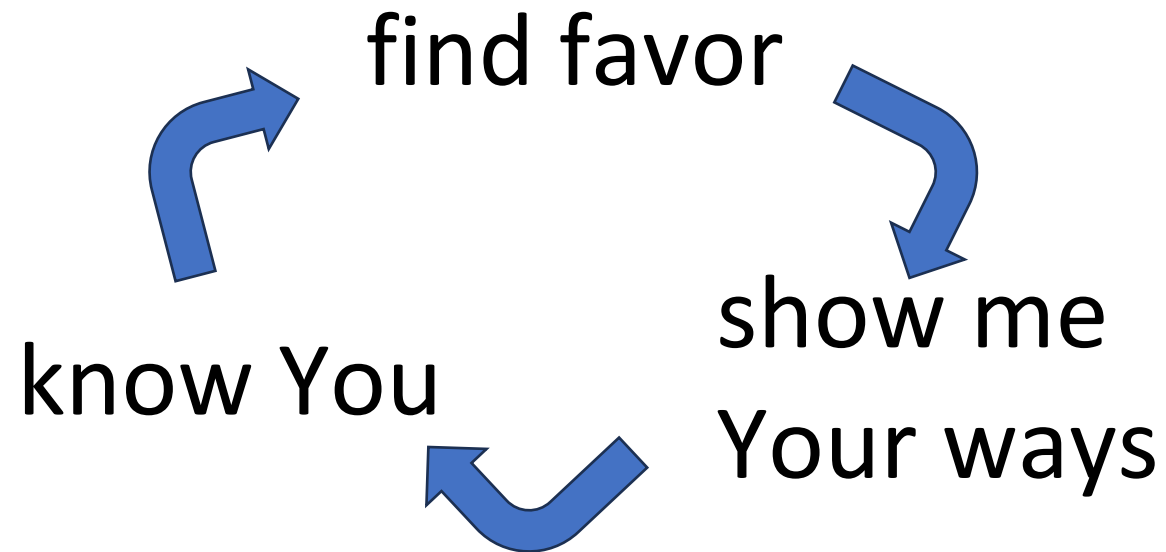
The favor Moses desires is the presence of God!

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There is a system at work here:

*“Now therefore, if I have **found favor in your sight**, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight.”*

The Cycle of Relationship: God & Moses (v 13)



REMEMBER: favor = presence of God (v 16)

“The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands

“forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and fourth generation.”

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“If now I have found favor in your sight, *O Lord, please let the Lord go **in the midst of us** for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin and take us for your inheritance*” (34:9)