

21 Days of Inspiration: Entering In!

DAY 12

Face-to-face, breath to Breath with GOD

Job 33:4 For the Spirit of God has made me, and **the breath of the Almighty gives me life.**

GOD DOES AND ALWAYS HAS DESIRED ONGOING FACE-TO-FACE FELLOWSHIP.

Genesis 1:2 describes the initial state of the earth after creation as “formless and void,” covered in darkness and deep water, with the Spirit of God hovering over it, setting the stage for God’s creative work to bring order and life. We noted that Spirit hovered over the FACE of the deep. This is the first use of the image or idiom, *Panim El Panim* (פָּנִים אֶל פָּנִים),

In Genesis 2:7, the Bible speaks of “the breath of life,” the divine life-giving power from God. God breathes life into Adam, making him a living soul, with the Hebrew word *ruach* meaning breath, wind, or Spirit. How? Face-to-face.

In John 20:22, we see Jesus breathing life into the disciples. “Again, Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’ **And with that, he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’**” John 20:21-22

FACE-TO-FACE.

Now picture this. The FIRST COMMANDMENT. “You shall have no other gods **before me**” is the first of the Ten Commandments, found in Exodus 20:3 and Deuteronomy 5:7 in the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament).

Literally, this is... BEFORE MY FACE.

The phrase “**before me**” emphasizes that God wants to be supreme in one’s life, *in His Presence*, as the ultimate priority. (agreeing with Matthew 6:33)

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In Hebrew, “face to face with God” is expressed as *Panim El Panim* (פָּנִים אֶל פָּנִים), [Strong’s H6440 - פָּנִים pânîym, paw-neem’], meaning “face to face,” signifying deep intimacy and direct revelation [revealing communication].

This *face-to-face* is a Hebraic idiom used to express an encounter with God’s Presence and *direct communication*; it represents an extraordinary closeness where God reveals Himself fully to a human.

Key Hebrew Terms & Concepts:

Panim (פָּנִים): The word for “face” or “presence,” also relating to one's inner self.

Panim El Panim (פָּנִים אֶל פָּנִים): The specific idiom for “face to face,” indicating direct, personal interaction.

Peniel (פְּנִיֵּאֵל): The place Jacob named after seeing God “face to face,” meaning “Face of God”.

Panim B’Panim (פָּנִים בְּפָנִים): Literally “face in face,” used for God speaking to Israel at Sinai, suggesting an even deeper, enveloping presence.

Biblical Examples & Meaning:

Moses & God: God speaks to Moses “face to face, as a man speaks to his friend,” signifying the highest level of prophetic communication and intimacy, even though Moses doesn’t see God’s full glory. We see this in God speaking to Moses in the Tent of Meeting (Exodus 33:11) and on the mountain.

Jacob’s Encounter: At Peniel (Genesis 32:30), Jacob wrestles with God and renames the place Peniel, understanding he saw God directly and survived, transforming his life.

Seeking God’s Face: The phrase also represents a deep yearning for God’s Presence, grace, and revelation, as in the Aaronic Blessing (Numbers 6:24-26), where God makes His Face shine upon His people.

- Exodus 33:11: “The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend,”
- Numbers 12:8: “With him I speak mouth to mouth, even manifestly, and not in riddles, and the likeness of the LORD he beholds (face to face),”
- Deuteronomy 34:10 states that no prophet arose like Moses, whom the LORD knew “face to face.”
- Genesis 32:30: Jacob names the place Peniel (Face of God) after seeing God face to face.
- Seeking God’s Presence: The phrase “seek His face” (Hebrew: bakshu panai/panim) is a common call to intimacy and spiritual connection, appearing in verses like 1 Chronicles 16:11 and Psalm 27:8.
- Lechem Hapanim (לחם הפנים): “Bread of the Presence,” referring to the showbread in the Temple.
- God’s Presence: In the Bible (Exodus 33:14), “My presence (panim) will go with you.”
- God’s Presence & Absence: “Panim” (face) can also refer to God’s Presence or His turning away from people, as seen in Genesis 3:8 (Adam and Eve hiding from God’s face) and 2 Chronicles 7:14 (seeking God’s face for healing)

In essence, Panim El Panim signifies the most intimate level of communication and Presence with God, a core theme from the Garden of Eden to Revelation.

Prophetic observations for 2026: God’s invitation to enter in.

Radical Transformation of Identity - A NAME indicates the NATURE.

God prevails.

Internal Refinement: Total reliance on God.

Divine Mercy and Presence.

Transformed Walk.

It is written in the fabric of our season of time, on earth, in the very language of Revelation of the Word of God, a revolution in our thinking... and our walk (behavior).

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The numerical value (gematria) of the holy name of God, YHWH (יהוה), is 26 (10+5+6+5), making it a profoundly significant number representing divine Presence and connection.

In Hebrew, the sacred name YHWH (יהוה) sums to 26, symbolizing God's oneness, authority, and Presence. It means, "I am that I am." (from our study on Day 10, Exodus 3:14. Who will WE say He is this year?)

Twenty-Six (kaf-vav) in Hebrew represents the Power of Salvation. To write twenty-six in Hebrew, they wrote two Hebrew letters: kaf-vav. These signify an open hand with a nail. The Power of Salvation is pictured by Jesus' hands being nailed to the cross. Twenty-six is the number signifying the Power of Salvation. The Hebrew word translated "Salvation" is Yeshua, which is Jesus' Hebrew name. Thus, the Power of Salvation is also the Power of Yeshua (Jesus).

"Breathe on me, Breath of God," by Dr. Edwin Hatch, published in Allon's Congregational Psalmist Hymnal, 1886

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours,
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
for all eternity.