

Good News: Meeting the Lord without dying

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Moses – wanting to see the Glory of God,

- a. Having a meal with God, confirming the Mosaic Covenant, Ex. 24:1-18
- b. Speaking face to face with God, Ex. 33:7-23, cp. 2 Cor. 3:18
- c. The Glory of God revealed, Ex. 33:19-34:10, 29-35
- d. God promises to send a mediator, Deut. 18:15-19

Elijah – afraid and in need of encouragement,

- a. Fear of persecution, 1 Kings 19:1-5
- b. Fed by an angel, 1 Kings 19:6-9
- c. God speaks to Elijah in a whisper, 1 Kings 19:10-18
 - i. You job isn't done
 - ii. You're not alone

Isaiah – commissioned by God with a difficult message, cp. John 12:41

- a. Seeing God in the temple, Isa. 6:1-4
- b. Feeling doomed, Isa. 6:5-7
- c. Wanting to serve, Isa. 6:8
- d. Unpopular message, Isa. 6:9-13

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- a. The throne room of God, Ezek. 1
- b. The commissioning, Ezek. 2

Disciples – Peter, James and John, up on the sacred mountain,

- a. Vision of the Coming Kingdom, Matthew 17:1-9
 - i. Moses and Elijah speaking with Jesus about His departure, cp. Luke 9:31
 - ii. Peter refers to this time on the mountain, 2 Peter 1:16-18
 - iii. John seems to refer to this time, John 1:14

Paul, seeing things he is not able to speak of,

- a. Paul taught that believers would be transformed immediately at the Lord's coming to the air, 1 Thess. 4:13
- b. Paul taught that every believer would be resurrected and received immortality, 1 Cor. 15:51-53.
- c. Paul taught that our bodies would be transformed into a glorious body, just like the Lord Jesus, Phil. 3:21
- d. Paul saw things he wasn't allowed to share with others, 2 Cor. 12

John, seeing the Lord as the Lamb, as the Rider on a white horse, - Revelation

- a. John knew that others had seen the LORD in the OT.
- b. John likely refers to Jesus' transfiguration in John 1:14.
- c. John believed that one day believers would be transformed instantly at the resurrection, 1 John 3:2.
- d. John saw heavenly beings, angels, elders, multitudes in the future, the Lord Jesus returning, judging.

Passages to reflect upon – 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Cor. 3:18; 4:16; Romans 12:1-2

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