

THE MIDDLE MAN

And they (Israel) said to Moses, you speak to us and we will listen, but let not God speak to us, lest we die... And the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was (Exodus 20:18-24).

What separates man from his Creator? When Adam and Eve sinned, they hid themselves from the presence of God, at the sound of His voice walking through the garden (Gen.3:8). This was probably a routine of the day to day when they communed with God "in the cool of the day". But now sin had brought them guilt and shame and in that a broken relationship with Him. They could not be in the presence of the holiness of God for one second.

At the expressions of God's presence- thunders, smoking mountain lightning, Israel decided to have Moses to speak to them instead. During those few months that God had been walking with Israel, showing His love, faithfulness to them through miracles, He was still to them a foreign God. Where there is no relationship, there is no understanding of whom the person is. Moses, on the other hand, had the experience of face to face relationship with God and had become the spokesman, the intercessor, the mediator for the nation of Israel.

You speak to us and we will listen to your voice, but not to God's, for we are afraid of Him. Why is it that even among us believers today are we more comfortable to hear from someone else, rather than from God? The written Word of God sits on a table quietly collecting dust, witnessing the life style we chose to live independent of Him. Once or twice a week it is enough, so it seems, to hear of Him. And so we never get to know Him. It is all superficial, based on what someone has said of Him and life goes on until circumstance has its way to change our behavior and focus.

We now walk the valley and suddenly it becomes lonely and painful. However we continue to seek to hear God's voice through someone else. His Word remains quiet on the corner of a table desiring to speak to us and show us Who He is. At the end of his trials, Job said, I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You. Therefore I loathe [my words] and abhor myself and repent

in dust and ashes (Job 42:5, 6). What would take for one to desire to know God? The wilderness, the valleys I say with certainty. Paul, in his writing to Philippians expressed a profound desire to know Christ. He said, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him. [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him, and that I may in that same way come to know the power out flowing from His resurrection. It takes desire; it takes the will, the want to know Him. We will never know Him well with His Word closed.

The table is set for us to dine with Him. On His last days on earth, Jesus prepared breakfast for His disciples and invited them to eat with Him. It is His desire to feed his bride with the spiritual bread- His Word. Oh my friend, get to know Him. His Word is set before you as your spiritual nourishment. He is waiting for you to have breakfast with Him. Will you accept the invitation?

But Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was. Are you standing afar off with the crowd or are you going alone where God is?

THINK ABOUT IT!

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