

# Message Eight

## God's Speaking

### from between the Cherubim of Glory

RK *Hymns*: 784

Scripture Reading: Num. 7:89; Exo. 24:15-18; 25:8, 17-22;

Psa. 80:1; 99:1; Heb. 1:3; 9:4-5; 10:19; 4:12, 14, 16;

2 Cor. 3:18; 4:4, 6; Rev. 21:2-3, 10-11, 16, 22-23; 22:1-5

- Num 7:89 And when Moses went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the expiation cover that was upon the Ark of the Testimony, from between the two cherubim; and he spoke to Him.
- Exo 24:15 And Moses went up to the top of the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.
- Exo 24:16 And the glory of Jehovah settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days; and on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.
- Exo 24:17 And the appearance of the glory of Jehovah was like consuming fire on the top of the mountain to the eyes of the children of Israel.
- Exo 24:18 And Moses entered into the midst of the cloud and went up on the mountain; and Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.
- Exo 25:8 And let them make a sanctuary for Me that I may dwell in their midst;
- Exo 25:17 And you shall make an expiation cover of pure gold: two and a half cubits shall be its length, and one and a half cubits, its width.
- Exo 25:18 And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of beaten work you shall make them, at the two ends of the expiation cover.
- Exo 25:19 And make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end; of one piece with the expiation cover you shall make the cherubim on its two ends.
- Exo 25:20 And the cherubim shall spread out their wings above the cover, covering the expiation cover with their wings, with their faces toward one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the expiation cover.
- Exo 25:21 And you shall put the expiation cover upon the Ark above it, and into the Ark you shall put the Testimony that I shall give you.
- Exo 25:22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the expiation cover, from between the two cherubim which are upon the Ark of the Testimony, of everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.
- Psa 80:1 O Shepherd of Israel, give ear, / You who lead Joseph like a flock; / You who are enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth.
- Psa 99:1 Jehovah reigns; let the peoples tremble. / He is enthroned between the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- Heb 1:3 Who, being the effulgence of His glory and the impress of His substance and upholding and bearing all things by the word of His power, having made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
- Heb 9:4 Having a golden altar and the Ark of the Covenant covered about everywhere with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna and Aaron's rod that budded and the tablets of the covenant,
- Heb 9:5 And above it cherubim of glory overshadowing the expiation cover, concerning which it is not now the time to speak in detail.
- Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brothers, boldness for entering the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus,
- Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- Heb 4:14 Having therefore a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast the confession.
- Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.
- 2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.
- 2 Cor 4:4 In whom the god of this age has blinded the thoughts of the unbelievers that the illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine on them.
- 2 Cor 4:6 Because the God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
- Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice out of the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will tabernacle with them, and they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

Rev 21:11 Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.

Rev 21:16 And the city lies square, and its length is as great as the breadth. And he measured the city with the reed to a length of twelve thousand stadia; the length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

Rev 21:22 And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

Rev 21:23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon that they should shine in it, for the glory of God illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Rev 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

Rev 22:2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Rev 22:3 And there will no longer be a curse. And the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His slaves will serve Him;

Rev 22:4 And they will see His face, and His name will be on their forehead.

Rev 22:5 And night will be no more; and they have no need of the light of a lamp and of the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine upon them; and they will reign forever and ever.

## **I. The Lord spoke to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his companion—**

### **Exo. 33:11; Num. 12:7-8:**

Exo 33:11 And Jehovah would speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his companion. And Moses would return to the camp, but his attendant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart out of the tent.

Num 12:7 My servant Moses is not so; / He is faithful in all My house.

Num 12:8 With him I speak face to face, even openly, and not in riddles; / And he beholds the form of Jehovah. Why then were you not afraid to speak against My servant, against Moses?

A. God and Moses were companions, associates, partners, involved in the same career and having a common interest in a great enterprise.

B. Because Moses was intimate with God, he was a person who knew God's heart, who was according to God's heart, and who could touch God's heart; thus, he had God's presence to a full extent—Exo. 33:14.

Exo 33:14 And He said, My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.

C. In Exodus 24:15-18 Moses was in the Holy of Holies, where the shekinah glory was:

Exo 24:15 And Moses went up to the top of the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

Exo 24:16 And the glory of Jehovah settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days; and on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

Exo 24:17 And the appearance of the glory of Jehovah was like consuming fire on the top of the mountain to the eyes of the children of Israel.

Exo 24:18 And Moses entered into the midst of the cloud and went up on the mountain; and Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

1. There were at least three classes of people at different distances in relation to Mount Horeb:

a. The majority of the children of Israel were at the bottom of the mountain standing at a distance and trembling—20:18.

Exo 20:18 And all the people witnessed the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people witnessed it, they trembled and stood at a distance.

b. Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the seventy elders were on the mountain worshipping at a distance and watching—24:1, 9.

Exo 24:1 Then He said to Moses, Come up to Jehovah, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship at a distance.

Exo 24:9 Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up.

- c. Moses was on the mountaintop being infused with God under His glory and receiving the vision of the tabernacle as God’s dwelling place on earth—vv. 13, 16a; 25:1, 8-9.
  - Exo 24:13 And Moses rose up with Joshua his attendant, and Moses went up to the top of the mountain of God.
  - Exo 24:16a And the glory of Jehovah settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days; ...
  - Exo 25:1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
  - Exo 25:8 And let them make a sanctuary for Me that I may dwell in their midst;
  - Exo 25:9 According to all that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, even so shall you make it.
- 2. These three locations—corresponding to the three parts of the tabernacle (the outer court, the Holy Place, and the Holy of Holies)—illustrate the fact that among God’s people there are different degrees of fellowship with Him.
- 3. The principle in Exodus 24 with Moses on the mountaintop under God’s glory receiving commandments from God is the same as that in Numbers 7:89, which concerns Moses speaking with God in the Tent of Meeting.
  - Exo 24 be omitted.
  - Num 7:89 And when Moses went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the expiation cover that was upon the Ark of the Testimony, from between the two cherubim; and he spoke to Him.

**II. When Moses went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with God, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the expiation cover that was upon the Ark of the Testimony, from between the two cherubim—v. 89; Exo. 25:17-22:**

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- Exo 25:17 And you shall make an expiation cover of pure gold: two and a half cubits shall be its length, and one and a half cubits, its width.
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- Exo 25:19 And make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end; of one piece with the expiation cover you shall make the cherubim on its two ends.
- Exo 25:20 And the cherubim shall spread out their wings above the cover, covering the expiation cover with their wings, with their faces toward one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the expiation cover.
- Exo 25:21 And you shall put the expiation cover upon the Ark above it, and into the Ark you shall put the Testimony that I shall give you.
- Exo 25:22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the expiation cover, from between the two cherubim which are upon the Ark of the Testimony, of everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.
- A. The expiation cover signifies Christ as the place where God meets with His redeemed people and speaks to them in grace—v. 22; Num. 7:89.
  - Exo 25:22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the expiation cover, from between the two cherubim which are upon the Ark of the Testimony, of everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.
  - Num 7:89 And when Moses went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the expiation cover that was upon the Ark of the Testimony, from between the two cherubim; and he spoke to Him.
- B. The cherubim on the expiation cover signify God’s glory (Ezek. 10:18) and are called “cherubim of glory” (Heb. 9:5); thus, the cherubim on the expiation cover indicate that Christ expresses God’s glory (John 1:14):
  - Ezek 10:18 And the glory of Jehovah went forth from over the threshold of the house and stood over the cherubim.

- Heb 9:5        And above it cherubim of glory overshadowing the expiation cover, concerning which it is not now the time to speak in detail.
- John 1:14      And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
1.    The two cherubim were one piece with the expiation cover; this indicates that God's glory shines out from Christ and upon Christ as the expiation cover to be a testimony—Exo. 25:19; cf. John 1:14; 2 Cor. 4:4, 6:
    - Exo 25:19      And make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end; of one piece with the expiation cover you shall make the cherubim on its two ends.
    - John 1:14      And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
    - 2 Cor 4:4      In whom the god of this age has blinded the thoughts of the unbelievers that the illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine on them.
    - 2 Cor 4:6      Because the God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
    - a.    This manifestation of God, this glory of God, is the testimony of God—Exo. 37:7-8.
      - Exo 37:7        And he made two cherubim of gold; of beaten work he made them, at the two ends of the expiation cover,
      - Exo 37:8        One cherub at the one end and one cherub at the other end; of one piece with the expiation cover he made the cherubim at its two ends.
    - b.    Two is the number of testimony; the glory of God becomes the testimony of God.
    - c.    Upon Christ and with Christ, there is the manifestation of God, which is the glory of God, and this manifestation as the glory of God is the testimony of God.
  2.    The cherubim and the expiation cover were made of pure gold; this signifies that the shining of Christ as the effulgence of God's glory is divine—25:17-18; Heb. 1:3.
    - Exo 25:17      And you shall make an expiation cover of pure gold: two and a half cubits shall be its length, and one and a half cubits, its width.
    - Exo 25:18      And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of beaten work you shall make them, at the two ends of the expiation cover.
    - Heb 1:3        Who, being the effulgence of His glory and the impress of His substance and upholding and bearing all things by the word of His power, having made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
- C.    Jehovah, the Shepherd of Israel, was enthroned between the cherubim, and from there He shined forth—Psa. 80:1; 99:1; 1 Sam. 4:4; 2 Sam. 6:2.
- Psa 80:1        O Shepherd of Israel, give ear, / You who lead Joseph like a flock; / You who are enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth.
  - Psa 99:1        Jehovah reigns; let the peoples tremble. / He is enthroned between the cherubim; let the earth shake.
  - 1 Sam 4:4      So the people sent men to Shiloh, and they took up from there the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah of hosts who is enthroned between the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the Ark of the Covenant of God.
  - 2 Sam 6:2      And David rose up and went with all the people who were with him from Baale-judah to bring up from there the Ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of Jehovah of hosts, who is enthroned between the cherubim.
- D.    From above the expiation cover, from between the two cherubim which were upon the Ark of the Testimony, God met with Moses and spoke with him—Exo. 25:22:
- Exo 25:22      And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the expiation cover, from between the two cherubim which are upon the Ark of the Testimony, of everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.
1.    The fact that God met with His people and spoke to them from above the expiation cover and between the cherubim signifies that God meets with us and speaks to us in

the propitiating Christ and in the glory expressed in the propitiating Christ as His testimony—cf. 2 Cor. 3:8-11, 18.

2 Cor 3:8 How shall the ministry of the Spirit not be more in glory?

2 Cor 3:9 For if there is glory with the ministry of condemnation, much more the ministry of righteousness abounds with glory.

2 Cor 3:10 For also that which has been glorified in this respect has not been glorified on account of the surpassing glory.

2 Cor 3:11 For if that which was being done away with was through glory, much more that which remains is in glory.

2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

2. For God to speak to His people from between the cherubim means that He speaks to us in the midst of His glory—Num. 7:89; Exo. 25:22; Psa. 80:1, 3; 99:1.

Num 7:89 And when Moses went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the expiation cover that was upon the Ark of the Testimony, from between the two cherubim; and he spoke to Him.

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Psa 80:1 O Shepherd of Israel, give ear, / You who lead Joseph like a flock; / You who are enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth.

Psa 80:3 O God, restore us; / And cause Your face to shine, and we will be saved.

Psa 99:1 Jehovah reigns; let the peoples tremble. / He is enthroned between the cherubim; let the earth shake.

3. The glory in which God meets with us and speaks to us is the shining of Christ—2 Cor. 4:4, 6.

2 Cor 4:4 In whom the god of this age has blinded the thoughts of the unbelievers that the illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine on them.

2 Cor 4:6 Because the God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

4. The place of propitiation, the expiation cover, with the cherubim is nothing less than our dear Lord Jesus Himself—Rom. 3:25:

Rom 3:25 Whom God set forth as a propitiation place through faith in His blood, for the demonstrating of His righteousness, in that in His forbearance God passed over the sins that had previously occurred,

a. Whenever God meets with us and speaks with us, this precious Christ is present.

b. Actually, it is in this shining Christ that God meets with us and speaks with us—Heb. 1:3.

Heb 1:3 Who, being the effulgence of His glory and the impress of His substance and upholding and bearing all things by the word of His power, having made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

5. The expiation cover with the blood of the sacrifices sprinkled on it portrays the redeeming Christ in His humanity (with His judicial redemption) and the shining Christ in His divinity (with His organic salvation) as the place where fallen sinners can meet with the righteous, holy, and glorious God and hear His word—Lev. 16:14-15, 29-30:

Lev 16:14 And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger upon the expiation cover toward the east, and before the expiation cover he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

Lev 16:15 Then he shall slaughter the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil, and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it upon the expiation cover and before the expiation cover.

- Lev 16:29 And this shall become a perpetual statute for you; in the seventh month on the tenth day of the month you shall afflict your souls and not do any work, neither the native nor the sojourner who sojourns among you.
- Lev 16:30 For on this day expiation shall be made for you, in order to cleanse you; from all your sins you shall be clean before Jehovah.
- a. The cherubim on the expiation cover signify Christ's shining with His divinity, and the blood sprinkled on the cover signifies His humanity for redeeming; now we and God can meet together and talk together in the redeeming and shining Christ.
  - b. Upon the expiation cover and in the midst of the shining of His glory, we can hear God's voice, learn the desire of His heart, and receive vision, revelation, and instruction from Him.
  - c. When we meet with the Lord in the Holy of Holies, we are infused by Him with all that He is—2 Cor. 3:18.  
 2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

### **III. The expiation cover on the Ark in the Holy of Holies equals the throne of grace in Hebrews 4:16:**

- Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.
- A. As believers in Christ, we have "boldness for entering the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus"—10:19:
    1. It is a great matter to enter into the Holy of Holies, for there God in Christ is sitting on the throne of grace—4:16.  
 Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.
    2. In order to enter into such a place, we must have boldness, and we have it by Christ's death and by His blood.
    3. By the blood of Jesus we have the boldness to enter into the Holy of Holies at any time.
  - B. The Holy of Holies today is in heaven, where the Lord Jesus is (9:12, 24), but even though we are still on earth, we can enter into the Holy of Holies:
 

Heb 9:12 And not through the blood of goats and calves but through His own blood, entered once for all into the Holy of Holies, obtaining an eternal redemption.

Heb 9:24 For Christ did not enter into a holy place made by hands, a figure of the true, but into heaven itself, to appear now before the face of God for us;

    1. The secret is our spirit; the Christ who is in heaven is also in our spirit—2 Tim. 4:22.  
 2 Tim 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.
    2. As the heavenly ladder (Gen. 28:12; John 1:51), He joins our spirit to heaven and brings heaven into our spirit.  
 Gen 28:12 And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.  
 John 1:51 And He said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, You shall see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.
    3. Whenever we turn to our spirit, we enter into the Holy of Holies, where we meet with God who is on the throne of grace.
  - C. Whenever we enter into the Holy of Holies by the blood of Jesus, we come to the throne of grace within the veil to receive mercy and find grace from the ascended Christ in the heavens—Heb. 4:14, 16; 6:19-20:
 

Heb 4:14 Having therefore a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast the confession.

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- Heb 6:19 Which we have as an anchor of the soul, both secure and firm and which enters within the veil,
- Heb 6:20 Where the Forerunner, Jesus, has entered for us, having become forever a High Priest according to the order of Melchizedec.
1. The throne of grace is undoubtedly the throne of God, the throne of authority to all the universe, but to us, the believers, it is the throne of grace, signified by the expiation cover over the Ark of the Testimony in the Holy of Holies sprinkled with the blood of Christ—Exo. 25:17; Rom. 3:25; Lev. 16:15; Heb. 9:3, 5, 12.
 

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Heb 9:3 And after the second veil, a tabernacle, which is called the Holy of Holies,

Heb 9:5 And above it cherubim of glory overshadowing the expiation cover, concerning which it is not now the time to speak in detail.

Heb 9:12 And not through the blood of goats and calves but through His own blood, entered once for all into the Holy of Holies, obtaining an eternal redemption.
  2. The covering of the Ark, the expiation cover, signifies the throne of grace; the expiation cover is the throne of grace where God meets with us and speaks with us—Num. 7:89; Exo. 25:17-22:
 

Num 7:89 And when Moses went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the expiation cover that was upon the Ark of the Testimony, from between the two cherubim; and he spoke to Him.

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Exo 25:21 And you shall put the expiation cover upon the Ark above it, and into the Ark you shall put the Testimony that I shall give you.

Exo 25:22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the expiation cover, from between the two cherubim which are upon the Ark of the Testimony, of everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

    - a. Here God meets with His people and communes with them—vv. 21-22; Num. 7:89.
 

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    - b. When we come to the throne of grace through the blood of Christ, we meet with God and commune with Him—Heb. 4:16; 10:19.
 

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

- Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brothers, boldness for entering the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus,
- c. God speaks from the throne of grace, and at the throne of grace, the oracle in the Holy of Holies, we hear God's voice, see His countenance, enjoy His presence, and are one with Him in His economy.
  - d. At the throne of grace we look to the One on the throne, thanking Him and praising Him.
3. The throne of grace, the reality of the expiation cover, is in our spirit; whenever we turn to our spirit and come to the throne of grace, we correspond to Christ's heavenly ministry—4:12, 16; 7:25-26; 8:1; 13:20-21.
- Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.
- Heb 7:25 Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.
- Heb 7:26 For such a High Priest was also fitting to us, holy, guileless, undefiled, separated from sinners and having become higher than the heavens,
- Heb 8:1 Now in the things which are being said the chief point is this: We have such a High Priest, who sat down on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,
- Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, He who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, in the blood of an eternal covenant,
- Heb 13:21 Perfect you in every good work for the doing of His will, doing in us that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.
- D. When we are at the throne of grace in the Holy of Holies, we behold the glory of the Lord and are transformed into the image of the resurrected and glorified Christ from glory to glory, for we see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ—2 Cor. 3:18; 4:4, 6.
- 2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.
- 2 Cor 4:4 In whom the god of this age has blinded the thoughts of the unbelievers that the illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine on them.
- 2 Cor 4:6 Because the God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
- E. In the new heaven and new earth, the entire city of New Jerusalem will be the Holy of Holies filled with the glory of God, the light, shining in the Lamb as the lamp, and we will enjoy the throne of God and of the Lamb with the river of water of life, serve Him, see His face, live under His shining, and reign forever and ever—Rev. 21:2-3, 10-11, 16, 22-23; 22:1-5.
- Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice out of the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will tabernacle with them, and they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.
- Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
- Rev 21:11 Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.
- Rev 21:16 And the city lies square, and its length is as great as the breadth. And he measured the city with the reed to a length of twelve thousand stadia; the length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.



Rev 21:22 And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.  
Rev 21:23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon that they should shine in it, for the glory of God illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.  
Rev 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.  
Rev 22:2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.  
Rev 22:3 And there will no longer be a curse. And the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His slaves will serve Him;  
Rev 22:4 And they will see His face, and His name will be on their forehead.  
Rev 22:5 And night will be no more; and they have no need of the light of a lamp and of the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine upon them; and they will reign forever and ever.