ENCOUNTERING GOD A SERIES ON WORSHIP Week 3



2 Corinthians 3:18 NKJV 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

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Worship is the place for Transparency - with unveiled face.

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I. The <u>veil</u> we put on during worship.

What types of veils do we wear?

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The veil of sin and shame.

Genesis 3:8 NLT

8And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Why types of veils do we wear? The veil of pride.

What types of veils do we wear?

The veil of concealment.

Genesis 29:21-23,25 NLT

21 Finally, the time came for him to marry her. "I have fulfilled my agreement," Jacob said to Laban. "Now give me my wife so I can sleep with her."

22 So Laban invited everyone in the neighborhood and prepared a wedding feast.23 But that night, when it was dark, Laban took Leah to Jacob, and he slept with her.

25 But when Jacob woke up in the morning—it was Leah! "What have you done to me?" Jacob raged at Laban. "I worked seven years for Rachel! Why have you tricked me?"

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What types of veils do we wear?

The veil of hurts and disappointments.

What types of veils do we wear? The veil of <u>fear.</u>

II. The cost of removing the veils.

Exodus 34:29-30, 33-35 NLT 29When Moses came down Mount Sinai carrying the two stone tablets inscribed with the terms of the covenant, he wasn't aware that his face had become radiant because he had spoken to the Lord. 30 So when Aaron and the people of Israel saw the radiance of Moses' face, they were afraid to come near him.

33 When Moses finished speaking with them, he covered his face with a veil. 34 But whenever he went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with the Lord, he would remove the veil until he came out again. Then he would give the people whatever instructions the Lord had given him, 35 and the people of Israel would see the radiant glow of his face. So he would put the veil over his face until he returned to speak with the Lord.

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- It brings us to a place of decision.

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- There is a new level of *intimacy*. Exodus 33:11 NLT

11 Inside the Tent of Meeting, the Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

There is a new level of **healing**.

Psalms 103:1-3 NLT

1 Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.

- 2 Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me.
- **3** He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.

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Psalms 147:3 NLT3 He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.

There is a new level of knowledge.

Exodus 33:18-19a, 34:5-8 18Moses responded, "Then show me your glorious presence."

19The LORD replied, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and I will call out my name, Yahweh, before you".

5 Then the Lord came down in a cloud and stood there with him; and he called out his own name, Yahweh. **6** The Lord passed in front of Moses, calling out,

"Yahweh! The Lord! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness".

7 "I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations.

I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin. But I do not excuse the guilty.

I lay the sins of the parents upon their children and grandchildren;

the entire family is affected—

even children in the third and fourth generations."

8 Moses immediately threw himself to the ground and worshiped.

There is a new level of <u>hope</u>.
Hosea 2:15a NLT
I will return her vineyards to her and transform the Valley of Trouble into a gateway of hope.

There is a new level of <u>radiation.</u> Exodus 34:29-30

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