

Greater Works Christian Church

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Introduction: I want to share with you how to move to a new level and a new place in Christ. This region, the very heavenlies over this region, are crying out for someone of our realm to make their presence known in them. There has been a place prepared in the heavenlies for a man or woman (men or women) of God to visit and even inhabit. This is the time and season for us to find a new realm of existence.

The “Cool of the Day”

Genesis 3:8-10

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

9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?"

10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

Heard (Heb. 8085) *shama*

- 1) To hear, listen to, obey
- 2) To have perception through the hearing (to perceive)

Sound (Heb. 6963) *qol*

- 1) voice, sound, noise

Walking (Heb. 1980) *halak*

- 1) to go, walk, come

Cool (Heb. 7307) *ruach*

- 1) wind, breath, mind, spirit

Used to describe:

- The Spirit of God
- Energy of Life
- Manifestation of the Shekinah Glory
- A Prophetic Spirit

Presence (Heb. 6440) *pawneem*

- 1) face, faces, presence

Note: This passage is very interesting after doing a simple word study of the original language (Hebrew).

A Better Translation:

Genesis 3:8

And they ***perceived*** the ***voice*** of ***Yeho-vah Elohim walking up and down*** in the garden at the ***ruach*** of the day. ***Adam*** and his wife ***withdrew*** themselves from the ***faces*** of ***Yeho-vah Elohim*** in the middle of the trees of the garden.

As we can see from this translation it reads a bit different than most translations. When we look at this translation we find keys to understanding other portions of the Bible.

- God wants to come and meet with His people (you and me)
- God doesn't need to come in the "cool" of the day since He isn't moved by the weather
- God will prepare the "day (the meeting time and place)" by sending His Spirit (Ruach) first
- We are to "perceive" His presence and respond appropriately
- With His "Spirit (Ruach)" comes His "Voice (sound)"
- This is a distinct sound that helps to set Him apart from all others (this is why they knew it was God)

Question and Discussion: Do you believe God wants to meet with you in an intimate setting? Please explain your answer.

Unfortunately Adam and Eve missed their opportunity to meet with God in the "Spirit of the day", the time that God had established to meet with them. This was no ordinary meeting that God set up with Adam and Eve. There was something extremely special about this time and moment, and the meeting that was to take place. On account of their sin and shame, Adam and Eve ran and hid from God instead of running to Him and presenting themselves before the Lord as they should have.

How many times have we missed our "Ruach of the Day" moment with God?

Why did we miss it?

- Was it sin?
- Was it a lack of perception? Vision? Understanding and/or Revelation?
- Was it immaturity?

No matter the reason, it is a great tragedy missing out on meeting with God in the "Ruach of the Day" that He sets up and establishes just for us.

Question and Discussion: Please share a time when you missed God (especially an intimate meeting). What would you do differently the next time God wants to meet with you?

Prophecy:

- God is about to meet us and reveal Himself in a new and powerful way
- He will send His Spirit (Ruach) to prepare us, our church and the atmosphere in our garden (place of habitation)
- We have to recognize the Spirit (Ruach) and properly respond to Him and what He brings
- We must allow the Spirit (Ruach) to prepare us to meet with God

God is Moving us to a New Level

Isaiah 64:1

Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence

Note: Many Christians are asking God to come down to their level and into the place they have created. What we must remember is that when God comes down He comes down to show His strength and authority; correction and judgment; Lordship and rule. This is good and powerful, but this is not for those who love their God and found favor in His eyes.

God came down- "Moses went up"

Exodus 19:18-20

18 Now Mount Sinai *was* completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.

19 And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice.

20 Then the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

God didn't just call Moses up the mountain, but He called Moses to the Top of the mountain. God wanted Moses at the top with Him.

God comes down- The people, "trembled and stood afar off"

Exodus 20:18-22

18 Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw *it*, they trembled and stood afar off.

19 Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die."

20 And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin."

21 So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God *was*.

22 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'You have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.'

Note: Are we going to be as Moses, fully prepared for the presence of God and able to "go up?" Or are we going to be like the multitudes, standing afar off in fear of His presence? When God comes to meet with His people there will generally be two types of people- those who are prepared and willing to go "up" into His Glory, and those who will stand at a distance and merely look upon His Glory.

It is my hope and prayer that we at GWCC are a people prepared to meet God in the "Ruach of the Day." I want us all to ascend the mountain into God's presence. It would be heartbreaking to be afraid to approach God for any reason, especially sin issues. Let's get ready to meet God; let's be ready to ascend the mountain of His presence and glory.

Side Note:

Most people (even Christians) won't follow God, but they will follow people who have encountered God (as we see with Moses). We need to encounter God.

Question and Discussion: Moses and Joshua were the only ones willing to go up the mountain into God's presence. Imagine being present at that time. Would you go up the mountain with Moses to meet with God? Or would you remain with the people in the valley? Please explain.

Come Up Here

Revelation 3:20-22

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Note: Even though we use this passage when attempting to win souls, this is not a message to the un-saved. This is the words of Jesus to His church (those already born-again).

Jesus is telling us that He is standing at the door and is waiting for someone to "perceive" His "voice." Then we can properly respond to the sound of His presence in our garden and have the door opened to us to go to a new level of existence.

This same picture is seen in Genesis 3:8. Adam and Eve heard the voice of the **Yeho-Vah** Elohim walking in the garden. Here in this passage (Rev 3) we are to hear the voice of Jesus, and open the door to Him.

Revelation 4:1-2

1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard *was* like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne.

Note: these are the very next two verses. After Jesus speaks to John about being at the door and knocking, John looks up and sees an open door in the heavenlies. Once John sees the open door, he hears a "voice" saying, "come up here".

Revelation 1:10

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet

Note: John had already written that he was, "in the Spirit". Then in chapter 4 he states that he was, "in the Spirit". We see in chapter 1 that John was, "in the Spirit" enough to receive the initial revelation as Christ came down to Him. This is the "ruach" meeting John in his garden (realm; place of existence). In chapter 4 John says that he was, "in the Spirit" as he was swept into heaven (God's garden, or place of existence).

What happened? I believe that the Spirit comes upon us in a manner that is needed for the moment. When the Spirit moves us into a "cool of the day" experience, the voice of God's presence is not far behind. If we respond correctly to the voice of God, He will call us "up" to a higher realm of existence. As we respond to His invitation the Spirit will then meet this new demand and take us to where we need to be.

Question and Discussion: What does it mean to be, "In the Spirit"? Have you ever been in the Spirit? Please share your experience.

What is the difference between being In the Spirit and going through the Open Door in the heavenlies? Please explain.

Prophecy:

Some in this room have had a "cool of the day" experience but didn't correctly perceive the voice of the Lord. You may know it as being touched by the anointing, or experiencing the anointing. *I am taking the role of the Elder Eli*, showing you are not supposed to respond to the voice of man at those times, but to the voice of Christ. By doing this, you will step from the realm of experiencing the anointing, to the realm of experiencing Christ's tangible presence- His Glory!

Question and Discussion: How has this study helped you? What changes will you make in regard to spending intimate time with God?

