

B.O.S.S. Study Guide
Week of March 29 & April 5, 2010
Studies in the Book of Revelation

Take a minute to look over the outline and notes you took from Sunday; are there any points you would like to discuss; any thoughts that you had that were most significant?

After talking through your first question - our desire tonight is to take some time to consider the response of people who actually saw God and recorded it for us. We want to pay special attention to their response - what they did, how they felt, what they said. In doing so, we want to consider our opinion of God, our response in knowing Him, experiencing Him and one day seeing Him face to face.

Think for a moment about Adam and Eve - apparently before chapter 3 they had what they thought was a normal relationship with God. They communicated with Him, related to and with Him, heard and spoke to Him, walked with Him, and treated it as normal. However, in chapter 3, everything has changed.

Read Genesis 3:8-13. What had changed for Adam and Eve and how had that affected their relationship and the relationship they had with God?

In Exodus 3, Moses encounters God, **read about it in 1-11 and make a list of your insights into the conversation. What are Moses responses to God? He looked, he spoke, he hid, he feared, he refused.**

Read together Isaiah 6:1-8. Describe Isaiah's response in verse 5.

As you consider it, it is very much like the others however, in verse 7, something happens. **What was it?**

It seems from that moment, Isaiah has a different response to the presence of God. **What is it in verse 8b?**

Take a look at a passage in Daniel 10:4-11:1. As you read, note the human response to this encounter that is almost exactly the same description John gives in Revelation 1.

In Matthew 17:1-13 Peter, James and John get a glimpse of Jesus' glory. What was Peter's response in verse 4? While in mid-sentence, exposing himself with a run on mouth, God the Father interrupts and what is the response of the three now?

If you will remember, some weeks ago we spent some time on a Sunday morning discussing the term "glory." We discovered that the most correct usage of the word in the Greek culture did not have so much to do with praise or exaltation as it did

with, the opportunity to express our opinion of someone or something. We bring God glory by expressing our opinion of Him. Who He is, what He's done etc.

We have seen people's responses throughout the scriptures when they had a glimpse of God. It showed their opinion of Him by their behavior in His presence.

Since we are continually in God's presence, we are continually expressing our opinion Him, so the question follows:

In real practical ways, how do we or how should we respond to God? For an example of what I am talking about, someone in your group read James 4:13-17. This is an example of a practical way we express our opinion of God in making what? **Plans for tomorrow.**

From what you know of the scriptures, what are some other ones? Maybe stay in James for a moment longer. He has some others. You may want to take a look at 1:2, 2:1-7 or 3:9.

Can you think of more ways we express our opinion of God through our behavior? Maybe some negatively like worry, anger etc.

Take some time to pray that God would make you aware that care is to be taken in our response because we are continually stepping on "Holy Ground".