

A Formula for Seeing His Glory

***And Moses said, This is the thing which the Lord commanded that ye should do:
and the glory of the LORD shall appear unto you.***

Leviticus 9:6

When a certain topic strikes our interest, we often look more deeply into the subject. We pursue avenues to gather as much information as we can to increase our knowledge. Tourists who are planning to see the Grand Canyon for the first time will research information about the National Park. They may search for the best trails or observation decks that showcase the grandeur of the park. In the same way, believers should be captured by the wonders of our Savior, and God has provided ways for us to peer more deeply into the glory of His presence.

The book of Leviticus lays the groundwork for the office of the Priesthood. Qualifications of the priest and the animals that were to be sacrificed are described in detail. In chapter nine, Moses instructs Aaron on what he must do so that the glory of the LORD would appear unto him. Aaron was to make a sin-offering and a burnt-offering as an atonement for himself and the people. As a type of the Lord Jesus, the offerings enabled priests and people to be in the presence of a holy and righteous God. When the offering was completed, Moses and Aaron would bless the congregation and the glory of God would appear to all the people. Through the atonement of the sacrifice, forgiveness would flow and bring the congregation near the presence of God and allow them to see His glory.

A very similar formula is required for us to see God's glory today. Recognizing our sin and placing our faith in the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for our sins brings us close to His glory. Hopefully, we never grow complacent in our relationship with the Lord. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was instituted to keep the significance of the crucifixion fresh in our minds. The wonder of the time when we first came to Christ is preserved when we take time to meditate upon the broken body and the shed blood of our Savior. Likewise, every day we can take advantage of returning to the time when we first caught a glimpse of the Savior. Meditating on the sacrifice wrought at Calvary and keeping it fresh in our minds and hearts, should deepen our appreciation for the forgiveness we have been given and give us a renewed awareness of the Lord's glory.

May God graciously grant us a vision of His glory today, and may that vision increase our hunger for more. J. Ekis

