

The Father and the Son, attended by a multitude of angels, were PRESENT upon the mount. At the great judgment day Christ will come "in the GLORY OF HIS FATHER with His angels." Matthew 16:27. He shall then sit upon the throne of His glory, and before Him shall be gathered all nations. {PP 339.1}

Ex:33:21: And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: 22: And it shall come to pass, while MY GLORY passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: 23: And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

Ex:34:5: And the LORD DESCENDED in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

In that thick darkness GOD'S PRESENCE WAS HIDDEN. He makes darkness His pavilion, and conceals His glory from human eyes. God and His holy angels were beside the cross. THE FATHER WAS WITH HIS SON. Yet His presence was not revealed. Had His glory flashed forth from the cloud, every human beholder would have been destroyed. And in that dreadful hour Christ was not to be comforted with the Father's presence. He trod the wine press alone, and of the people there was none with Him. {DA 753.4}

"I beseech Thee, show me Thy glory." {PP 328.2} God did not rebuke his request as presumptuous; but the gracious words were spoken, "I will make all My goodness pass before thee." THE UNVEILED GLORY OF GOD, no man in this mortal state can look upon and live; but Moses was assured that he should behold as much of the divine glory as he could endure. Again he was summoned to the mountain summit; then the hand that made the world, that hand that "removeth the mountains, and they know not" (Job 9:5), took this creature of the dust, this mighty man of faith, and placed him in a cleft of the rock, while the GLORY OF GOD AND ALL HIS GOODNESS PASSED BEFORE HIM. {PP 328.3}

To the transgressor it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God; but Moses stood alone in the PRESENCE OF THE ETERNAL ONE, and he was not afraid; for his soul was in harmony with the will of his Maker. Says the psalmist, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." Psalm 66:18. But "the secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will show them His covenant." Psalm 25:14. {PP 329.1}

Burning Bush a Reality.--It will baffle the keenest intellect to interpret the divine MANIFESTATION of the burning bush. It was not a dream; IT WAS NOT A VISION; IT WAS A LIVING REALITY,--something that Moses saw with his eyes. He heard the voice of God calling to him out of the bush, and he covered his face, realizing that he stood in the immediate PRESENCE OF GOD. God was conversing with humanity. Never could Moses describe the impression made upon his mind by the sight he then saw, and by the sound of the voice that spoke to him; but this impression was never effaced. HEAVEN CAME VERY NEAR TO HIM as, with reverent awe, he listened to the words, "I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." What wondrous condescension for GOD TO LEAVE THE HEAVENLY COURTS, and MANIFEST Himself to Moses, talking with him face to face, "as a man speaketh unto his

friend" (YI, Dec. 20, 1900). God left heaven and manifested himself to Moses through Jesus Christ in a burning bush because since the fall, God has done all his communications through Jesus

At the transfiguration of Christ, Moses was sent with Elijah, who had been translated, to talk with Christ in regard to his sufferings, and BE THE BEARERS OF GOD'S GLORY TO HIS DEAR SON. Moses had been greatly HONORED OF GOD. He had been privileged to TALK WITH GOD FACE TO FACE, as a man speaketh with his friend. And God had REVEALED TO HIM HIS EXCELLENT GLORY, AS HE HAD NEVER DONE TO ANY OTHER. {4aSG 58.2}

Ex:24:9: Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: 10: And they SAW THE GOD OF ISRAEL: and there was UNDER HIS FEET as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the BODY OF HEAVEN IN HIS CLEARNESS. 11: And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also THEY SAW GOD, and did eat and drink.

Moses obeyed the command of God, and took with him Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, with seventy of the most influential elders in Israel, who had assisted him in his work, and placed them at such distance that they might behold the MAJESTY OF THE DIVINE PRESENCE, while the people should worship at the foot of the mount. "And they saw the GOD OF ISRAEL, and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand. Also, they saw God, and did eat and drink." {3SG 271.1} They DID NOT BEHOLD THE PERSON OF GOD, BUT ONLY THE INEXPRESSIBLE GLORY WHICH SURROUNDED HIM. Previous to this, had they looked upon such sacred glory, they could not have lived, for they were unprepared for it. But the exhibitions of God's power had filled them with fear, which wrought in them repentance for their past transgressions. They loved and revered God, and had been purifying themselves, and contemplating his great glory, purity and mercy, until they could approach nearer him who had been the subject of all their meditations. GOD HAD ENSHROUDED HIS GLORY WITH A THICK CLOUD, SO THAT THE PEOPLE COULD NOT BEHOLD IT. The office of the elders whom Moses took with him, was to aid him in leading the host of Israel to the promised land. This work was of such magnitude that God condescended to put his Spirit upon them. HE HONORED THEM WITH A NEARER VIEW OF THE GLORY WHICH SURROUNDED HIS EXALTED MAJESTY, that they might with wisdom act their part in the work assigned them of guiding his people with his fear and glory continually before them. {3SG 271.2}

De:4:12: And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: YE HEARD THE VOICE OF THE WORDS, BUT SAW NO SIMILITUDE; only ye heard a voice. 15: Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; FOR YE SAW NO MANNER OF SIMILITUDE ON THE DAY THAT THE LORD SPAKE UNTO YOU IN HOREB OUT OF THE MIDST OF THE FIRE: 16: Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female.

My conclusion from this statements is that The Father, The Son and the angels sometimes leaves heaven and come to earth. But while the Father in special occasions leaves heaven to earth, his glory is ether manifested through Jesus or human beings as it were to Moses and Elijah at the Mt. of transfiguration. For at the Mt. of Transfiguration The Father himself spoke so you cant argue it was the manifestation of the Son for the Son was already on earth. So the Father came with Moses and Elijah and the bore his glory to the son [At the transfiguration of Christ, Moses was sent with Elijah, who had been translated, to talk with Christ in regard to his sufferings, and BE THE BEARERS OF GOD'S GLORY TO HIS DEAR SON. Moses had been greatly HONORED OF GOD. He had been privileged to TALK WITH GOD FACE TO FACE, as a man speaketh with his friend. And God had REVEALED TO HIM HIS EXCELLENT GLORY, AS HE HAD NEVER DONE TO ANY OTHER. {4aSG 58.2}]

Notwithstanding this special direction of God, some did go out to gather manna on the seventh day, but they found none; and the Lord said unto Moses, “How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?” That there might be no mistake in the matter, the Father and the Son descended upon Mount Sinai, and there the precepts of His law were spoken in awful grandeur in the hearing of all Israel.—Manuscript 3, 1885.