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FACE *to* FACE WITH GOD

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STUDY GUIDE

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I. Laying Some Foundations

A. Everything in the Old Pointed to the New

1. (1 Peter 1:20, HCSB) *“He was chosen before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the times for you.”*
2. (Luke 24:27, HCSB) *“Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted for them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.”*
3. (1 Peter 1:10–12, HCSB) *“Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that would come to you searched and carefully investigated. They inquired into what time or what circumstances the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating when He testified in advance to the messianic sufferings and **the glories that would follow**. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you.”*

B. Understanding Scriptural Types and Warnings

1. (1 Corinthians 10:1–4,11, HCSB) *“Now I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and that rock was Christ. ... Now these things happened to them as **examples**, and they were written as a **warning***

to us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.”

2. **Examples:** (Olive Tree Enhanced Strong's Dictionary) in a doctrinal sense of a type; i.e., a person or thing prefiguring a future (Messianic) person or thing.

We can heed the warnings and receive the blessings of the Old Testament because we are now walking in what the types pointed to. We're in Christ and under the New Covenant.

II. The New Covenant

- A. (Ezekiel 36:25–27, HCSB) *“I will also sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurities and all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will place My Spirit within you and cause you to follow My statutes and carefully observe My ordinances.”*
- B. (Philippians 2:12–13, HCSB) *“... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God who is working in you, enabling you both to desire and to work out His good purpose.”*

III. Friends of God

A. Abraham

1. (James 2:23, ESV) *“... and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness,’”—and he was called a **friend of God**.*
2. (Romans 4:22–24, ESV) That is why his faith was *“counted to him as righteousness.”* But the words *“it was counted to him”* were **not written for**

his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in Him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord.

B. Moses

1. (Exodus 33:11, ESV) “Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his **friend...**”
2. (Exodus 33:19–22, HCSB) “He said ‘I will cause all My goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim the name Yahweh before you. **I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.**’ But He answered, **You cannot see My face, for no one can see Me and live.**’ The LORD said, Here is a place near Me. **You are to stand on the rock, and when My glory passes by, I will put you in the crevice of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by.**”

IV. Friends with Greater Glory

- A. (2 Corinthians 3:7–9, HCSB) “Now if the ministry of death, chiseled in letters on stones, **came with glory**, so that the Israelites were not able to look directly at Moses’ face because of the glory from his face — a fading glory — **how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?** For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, **the ministry of righteousness overflows with even more glory.**”
- B. (John 15:15–16, ESV) “No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; **but I have called you friends**, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. **You did not choose me**, but I chose you and **appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide**, so that **whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.**”

Exactly what He did with Abraham and Moses.

V. Knowing God

- A. (Jeremiah 24:7, ESV) *"I will give them a heart to know that I am the LORD, and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart."*

- B. (Hebrews 8:6,8–12, ESV) *"But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant He mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. For He finds fault with them when He says: Behold, the days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when **I took them by the hand** to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant.*

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put My laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And they shall not teach each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."

- C. (John 10:14–15, ESV) *"... I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep."*

VI. Greater!

- A. (Matthew 11:11, ESV) *"Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the Kingdom of heaven is greater than he."*

- B. (1 Corinthians 6:17,19, ESV) *"But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit*

within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own.”

- C. (Zechariah 12:8, ESV) *“On that day the LORD will protect the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them on that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the angel of the LORD, going before them.”*

- D. (Psalms 45:16–17, ESV) *“In place of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. I will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise You forever and ever.”*