God's Face

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

God's face is seen and known throughout the Scripture. A face is how we know someone, how we distinguish them and how we see another person's emotion. It is intimate. It is relational. In the Bible, it also indicates favor or disfavor: God's attention toward someone or something.

Word studies included in this article are: Face to Face; Your Face; His Face; Face of God; Face (of God); Face of The Lord; My Face

For more information on this topic, please see: Appendix 9 "God Accepts And Loves Intimacy With Us" in my book, Immanuel: A Practicum.

Face to Face

- Genesis 32:30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God <u>face to face</u>, and my life is preserved."
- Exodus 33:11 So the LORD spoke to Moses <u>face</u> to <u>face</u>, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.
- Numbers 12:8 I speak with him <u>face to face</u>, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?
- Numbers 14:14 "and they will tell *it* to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, LORD, *are* among these people; that You, LORD, are seen <u>face to face</u> and Your cloud stands above them, and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.
- Deuteronomy 5:4 The LORD talked with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire.
- Deuteronomy 34:10 But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew <u>face to face</u>.
- Judges 6:22 Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the LORD. So Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face."
- Ezekiel 20:35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face.

- 1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then <u>face to face</u>. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.
- 2 John 1:12 Having many things to write to you, I did not wish *to do so* with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak <u>face to face</u>, that our joy may be full.

Your Face

- Genesis 4:14 "Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen *that* anyone who finds me will kill me."
- Genesis 33:10 And Jacob said, "No, please, if I have now found favor in your sight, then receive my present from my hand, inasmuch as I have seen <u>your face</u> as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me.
- Job 1:11 "But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"
- Job 2:5 "But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"
- Job 13:24 Why do You hide Your face, And regard me as Your enemy?
- Job 22:26 For then you will have your delight in the Almighty, And lift up your face to God.
- Psalm 13:1 To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide <u>Your face</u> from me?
- Psalm 17:15 As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.
- Psalm 24:6 This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. Selah
- Psalm 27:8 When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."
- Psalm 27:9 Do not hide <u>Your face</u> from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- Psalm 30:7 LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong; You hid <u>Your face</u>, and I was troubled.
- Psalm 31:16 Make Your face shine upon Your servant; Save me for Your mercies' sake.
- Psalm 41:12 As for me, You uphold me in my integrity, And set me before Your face forever.
- Psalm 44:24 Why do You hide Your face, And forget our affliction and our oppression?

- Psalm 51:9 Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.
- Psalm 69:17 And do not hide Your face from Your servant, For I am in trouble; Hear me speedily.
- Psalm 80:3 Restore us, O God; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!
- Psalm 80:7 Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!
- Psalm 80:19 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!
- Psalm 88:14 LORD, why do You cast off my soul? Why do You hide Your face from me?
- Psalm 102:2 Do not hide <u>Your face</u> from me in the day of my trouble; Incline Your ear to me; In the day that I call, answer me speedily.
- Psalm 104:29 You hide Your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
- Psalm 119:135 Make Your face shine upon Your servant, And teach me Your statutes.
- Psalm 143:7 Answer me speedily, O LORD; My spirit fails! Do not hide <u>Your face</u> from me, Lest I be like those who go down into the pit.
- Song of Solomon 2:14 "O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, In the secret *places* of the cliff, Let me see <u>your face</u>, Let me hear your voice; For your voice *is* sweet, And <u>your face</u> *is* lovely."
- Isaiah 64:7 And *there is* no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities.

His Face

- Exodus 3:6 Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.
- Numbers 6:25 The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;
- 1 Chronicles 16:11 Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore!
- 2 Chronicles 30:9 "For if you return to the LORD, your brethren and your children *will be treated* with compassion by those who lead them captive, so that they may come back to this land; for the LORD your God *is* gracious and merciful, and will not turn *His* face from you if you return to Him."
- Job 33:26 He shall pray to God, and He will delight in him, He shall see <u>His face</u> with joy, For He restores to man His righteousness.
- Job 34:29 When He gives quietness, who then can make trouble? And when He hides <u>His</u> face, who then can see Him, Whether *it is* against a nation or a man alone? —

- Psalm 10:11 He has said in his heart, "God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see."
- Psalm 22:24 For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard.
- Psalm 67:1 To the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song. God be merciful to us and bless us, *And* cause <u>His face</u> to shine upon us. Selah
- Psalm 105:4 Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore!
- Isaiah 8:17 And I will wait on the LORD, Who hides <u>His face</u> from the house of Jacob; And I will hope in Him.
- Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden <u>His</u> face from you, So that He will not hear.
- Micah 3:4 Then they will cry to the LORD, But He will not hear them; He will even hide <u>His face</u> from them at that time, Because they have been evil in their deeds.
- Matthew 26:67 Then they spat in <u>His face</u> and beat Him; and others struck *Him* with the palms of their hands.
- Revelation 22:4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

The Face of God

Genesis 33:10 And Jacob said, "No, please, if I have now found favor in your sight, then receive my present from my hand, inasmuch as I have seen your face as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me.

The Face

- Matthew 18:10 "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.
- Luke 1:76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways.
- 2 Corinthians 4:6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
- 1 Peter 3:12 For the eyes of the LORD *are* on the righteous, And His ears *are open* to their prayers; But <u>the face</u> of the LORD *is* against those who do evil.
- Revelation 6:16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

The Face of the Lord

- Genesis 19:13 For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.
- 1 Samuel 26:20 So now, do not let my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD. For the king of Israel has come out to seek a flea, as when one hunts a partridge in the mountains.
- Psalm 34:16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
- Lamentations 2:19 Arise, cry out in the night, At the beginning of the watches; Pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift your hands toward Him For the life of your young children, Who faint from hunger at the head of every street.
- Lamentations 4:16 The face of the LORD scattered them; He no longer regards them. *The people* do not respect the priests Nor show favor to the elders.
- Luke 1:76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways.
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My Face

- Exodus 33:20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."
- Exodus 33:23 Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen.
- Deuteronomy 31:17 Then My anger shall be aroused against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured. And many evils and troubles shall befall them, so that they will say in that day, 'Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?'
- Deuteronomy 31:18 And I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evil which they have done, in that they have turned to other gods.
- Deuteronomy 32:20 And He said: I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end will be, For they are a perverse generation, Children in whom is no faith.
- 2 Chronicles 7:14 If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.
- Psalm 27:8 When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."
- Isaiah 54:8 With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; But with everlasting kindness I will have
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- mercy on you," Says the LORD, your Redeemer.
- Ezekiel 38:18 And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel," says the Lord GOD, "that My fury will show in My face.
- Ezekiel 39:24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions I have dealt with them, and hidden My face from them.
- Ezekiel 39:29 'And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,' says the Lord GOD.
- Hosea 5:15 I will return again to My place Till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me.
- Acts 2:25 For David says concerning Him: I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.

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