

Private Revelations of God

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God appears to many people in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. These are what I am calling “private revelations.” Jesus promises to manifest Himself to His people. Paul prays that through the Holy Spirit, the members of body of Christ will encounter Jesus today. Some of us have seen and experienced God in corporate settings similar to what happened to the one hundred and twenty in the upper room. Everyone present experienced God in the same way. However, Immanuel can be encountered personally in a crowd where others do not experience Him or experience Him in a different way. During an Immanuel prayer time, people experience Him through their five spiritual senses. These revelations or manifestations of God belong to the two of them; I rarely see Jesus in the same way in these sessions together although I look for Him with me. Because He is with all of us at the same time, the private revelation of God is a common experience.

Studies included in this article are: Jesus Sees His Father While With People Who Do Not See; Manifestation of God To Only One Person In A Group

For additional information on this topic, please see: Appendix 5 “People Who Saw God” and Appendix 6 “God Can Appear in Different Forms” in my book, Immanuel: A Practicum; “Jesus Looks At His Father While Praying”

Jesus Sees God While With People Who Do Not See

Matthew 14:19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

Mark 7:34 Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

Luke 3:21-22 When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

Luke 9:16 Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude.

John 11:41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

John 17:1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You."

Manifestation of God To Only One Person In A Group

Ezekiel

Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the River Chebar, that the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God. On the fifth day of the month, which was in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity, the word of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the River Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was upon him there. Ezekiel 1:1-3

Stephen

When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; and they cast him out of the city and stoned [him]. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep. Acts 7:54-60

Paul

As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank." Acts 9:3-9

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