

'Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. [13] For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. [14] Do everything without complaining and arguing, [15] so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.'

As we meditate on this scripture, three phrases really stand out to me - 1) obedience with deep reverence and fear 2) desire and power to do what pleases him 3) shining like bright lights.

When Moses was on the mountain with God, there was an incredible sense of God's awesome presence that brought fear to the people of God. Yet Moses was drawn closer and closer to God. In Exodus 33:14, Moses wasn't satisfied with the presence of God that the Lord promised to personally go with his people. He went further, daring to ask God to show him his glory. God was so merciful and kind, telling Moses he would hide him behind a rock and he would allow his glorious presence and goodness to pass by him so that Moses could see a part of His glory.

Like Moses, we have an opportunity to come before the Lord in reverent and fervent prayer and worship, being still in God's presence to wait upon Him. As we wait and draw near to Him, dare to ask God to show us his glorious goodness. At the same time the Holy Spirit is able to give us the DESIRE and POWER to do His will. Desire is like a hunger and thirst, it can grow and almost compel us to seek out more of Him.

PRAY: Why don't we pray the prayer of Moses today, asking God to reveal and show us his glorious presence - which is God's GOODNESS AND MERCY. The goodness of God is His promises, his character, his power, healing, grace, love, mercy, words of knowledge, prophecy, encouragement etc... As we see and behold His goodness, it will RISE and SHINE upon us, and we too can begin to reflect and shine forth the glorious goodness of God to those around us who are in this dark world. The goodness of God is not just for you. When Moses came down the mountain, his face was literally shining so brightly they made him wear a veil! May people see the glorious goodness of God upon and through you. May God's glorious goodness be shown through as you pray for people and spread the goodness to everyone around you. Give everyone a taste of God's glorious goodness!

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