

Valley Place

Holy Bible Scriptures: Ezekiel 3:22-23

Date: Monday, December 19, 2011

Location written: Jacksonville, Florida

Time: 6:35 a.m.

(Some translations state "glory" instead of "Presence" of the LORD.)

Ezekiel 3:22-23 (English Standard Version)*

22 And the hand of the LORD was upon me there. And he said to me, "Arise, go out into the valley,[e] and there I will speak with you." 23 So I arose and went out into the valley, and behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, like the glory that I had seen by the Chebar canal, and I fell on my face.

Ezekiel 3:22-23 (American Standard Version)*

22 And the hand of Jehovah was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee.
23 Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of Jehovah stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face.

Ezekiel 3:22-23 (King James Version)*

22 And the hand of the LORD was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee.
23 Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face.

Ezekiel 3:22-23 (The Message Bible)*

22 God grabbed me by the shoulder and said, "Get up. Go out on the plain. I want to talk with you."
23 So I got up and went out on the plain. I couldn't believe my eyes: the Glory of God! Right there! It was like the Glory I had seen at the Kebar River. I fell to the ground, prostrate.

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Ezekiel 3:22-23 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)*

22 Then the hand of the LORD was on me there, and He said to me, "Get up, go out to the plain, and I will speak with you there." 23 So I got up and went out to the plain. The LORD's glory was present there, like the glory I had seen by the Chebar Canal, and I fell facedown.

Ezekiel 3:22-23 (Complete Jewish Bible)

22 The hand of ADONAI came on me there, and he said to me, "Get up, go out to the valley, and I will speak with you there." 23 So I got up and went out to the valley. The glory of ADONAI was there, like the glory I had seen by the K'var River; and I fell on my face.

Ezekiel 3:22-23 (The Jewish Study Bible)

22 Then the hand of the LORD came upon me there, and He said to me, "Arise, go out to the valley, and there I will speak to you."

23 I arose and went out to the valley, and there stood the Presence of the LORD, like the Presence that I had seen at the Chebar Canal; and I flung myself down on my face.

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After the LORD spoke to Ezekiel telling him to arise and go out to the valley, the LORD'S Presence was in the valley to meet him. The Presence of the LORD is in the valley. The reason Ezekiel knew it was the Presence of the LORD was that he had before seen the glory or Presence of the LORD at the river Chebar Canal.

The Presence of the LORD is in our Valley Place moments.

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When we humbly seek the LORD, humbly obey the LORD, and humbly serve the LORD in our Valley Place moments, the LORD'S Presence will stand near us. The LORD could have easily told Ezekiel to meet him in a familiar place, but many people will not focus on the LORD with accustomed surroundings.

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If Ezekiel did not arise and go out to the valley, he would have never seen or experience the Presence of the LORD. The valley is a hard place, a dry place, a lonely place that we must go out to in order to see and have understanding of the Presence of the LORD. Many of us would had argued or told the LORD, "Why do you want me there in the valley?" "Could I not go to the mountaintop?" "LORD, the valley is too hard, dry, and lonely; I need my friends, family, and fortune if I am going to such a place!"

Most people want to feel comfortable in meeting the LORD, but this is not how the LORD does things when we are serious about seeing His glory and Presence. Many people want to take their friends, family, fortune, or today their I-pads, I-pods, Androids, computers and electronic devices of all kinds to the valley. The Valley Place moments are times we need to forgo all distractions, and we arise and go out to the hard, dry, and lonely place to meet the Presence of the LORD. As we humbly seek, obey, and serve the LORD in our Valley Place moments, He will show up and come near us.

We need the Valley Place meeting with the LORD for the next assignment task from the LORD we are going to encounter for the training, education, teaching, and wisdom from the LORD to overcome in our spiritual battles.

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Although Moses went up the mountaintop of Mount Sinai to meet the LORD and received His instructions, commandments, laws, and statues, it was a hard, dry, and lonely place for him in seeing and becoming trained to see God's glory.

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Exodus 19:1-25 (<http://www.bibleview.org/en/Bible/Moses/MosesSinai/>)

20 The LORD descended to the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. Therefore, Moses went up 21 and the LORD said to him, "Go down and warn the people so they do not force their way through to see the LORD and many of them perish. 22 Even the priests, who approach the LORD, must consecrate themselves, or the LORD will break out against them."

Arise - physical and/or spiritual actions in compliance to the words of the LORD.

Go out - the direction of leaving a place in order to get to another location.

Valley - a hard, dry, and lonely place either physical and/or spiritually.

There I will speak to you - as we follow His directions, the LORD will speak to us in the valley.

To see and have knowledge of the hand and Presence of the LORD, we must arise and go out to our Valley Place (where the LORD has told us to go), which is a hard, dry, and lonely place resulting in meeting and seeing His glory and the LORD speaking to us.