

## **Isaiah 6:1-8, 2 Kings 2:1-15**

**.....move from walking with God to abiding IN Him and He in you.....**

An encounter with God involves:

1. The sovereignty of God. (Recognizing)
2. The grace of God. (Accept)
3. A willing vessel (Submit your will to Him)

When you look on God with your mind's eye (prioritize your worship)

1. Adoration
2. Humility
3. Service

Corresponds with the Level of Knowledge we have been studying

- **Reason** (He is worthy of all honor/praise)
- Submission (Deserving of our **faith** - He is the Omnipotent One)
- **Spiritual Experience** (Divine Encounter) He Empowers us

*Having an encounter with God can happen even if a person lacks confidence in their own abilities to do His work..... because He is made strong in our weakness.*

*When we come to the place where we are willing to separate ourselves from all the other gods that compete for our attention and yield to the God of Heaven, then we are ready to have an encounter with God.....Nothing between my soul and my Saviour .....*

The person who is knowledgeable about Jesus' teaching and obeys is like a wise man who prudently built his house on a rock foundation. When the rains fell, the floods rose, and the winds blew, the house stood firm.

When the one who WENT was SENT [Jer 20:7-9 **NLT**] O LORD, you misled me, and I allowed myself to be misled. You are stronger than I am, and you

overpowered me. Now I am mocked every day; everyone laughs at me. 8 When I speak, the words burst out. "Violence and destruction!" I shout. So these messages from the LORD have made me a household joke. 9 But if I say I'll never mention the LORD or speak in his name, his word burns in my heart like a fire. It's like a fire in my bones! I am worn out trying to hold it in! I can't do it! ***[Divine Encounter]***

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***This Experience Must Come*** And he saw him no more. — **2 Kings 2:12**

It is not wrong to depend upon Elijah as long as God gives him to you, but remember the time will come when he will have to go; when he stands no more to you as your guide and leader, because God does not intend he should. You say — “I cannot go on without Elijah.” God says you must.

**Alone at your Jordan (2 Kings 2:14).** Jordan is the type of separation where there is no fellowship with anyone else, and where no one can take the responsibility for you. You have to put to the test now what you learned when you were with your Elijah. You have been to Jordan over and over again with Elijah, but now you are up against it alone. It is no use saying you cannot go; this experience has come, and you must go. If you want to know whether God is the God you have faith to believe Him to be, then go through your Jordan alone.

**Alone at your Jericho (v.15).** Jericho is the place where you have seen your Elijah do great things. When you come to your Jericho you have a strong disinclination to take the initiative and trust in God, you want someone else to take it for you. If you remain true to what you learned with Elijah, you will get the sign that God is with you.

**Alone at your Bethel (v.23).** At your Bethel you will find yourself at your wits' end and at the beginning of God's wisdom. When you get to your wits' end and feel inclined to succumb to panic, don't; stand true to God and He will bring His truth out in a way that will make your life a sacrament. Put into practice what you learned with your Elijah, use his cloak and pray. Determine to trust in God and do not look for Elijah any more.

**WISDOM FROM OSWALD CHAMBERS:** Re-state to yourself what you believe, then do away with as much of it as possible, and get back to the bedrock of the Cross of Christ. *My Utmost for His Highest, November 25, 848 R*