

he was not satisfied with that, thinking there was still room to doubt from whence this teaching came; and he earnestly besought God to manifest his visible presence, so that he might hear the words from His own mouth, as he spake face to face with Moses. In answer to this earnest and solemn request, the Lord visibly appeared to him, and he heard the words from His own mouth.

[*Note.*— Some people, who are not well read in the Scriptures, may probably object to this visible manifestation of the Divine presence; but we wish to assure the reader that it is in strict accordance with the Word of God. We know that He cannot be seen by any mortal, while enshrouded with that unapproachable, glorious light, as shown in 1 Tim. 6: 16. Yet, God *can* and *has* been seen while having removed from His person a part of that gorgeous glory which the Scriptures represent as usually attending Him. Several of the following passages show that He has not only been seen, but that He has talked with man face to face:—

“And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God *face to face*,” (Gen. 32: 30.) “And the Lord spake unto Moses *face to face*, as a man speaketh unto his friend,” (Exod. 33: 11.) But in the 18th verse, Moses expresses his desire to see the *glory* of God, and the Lord said, “Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.” That is, no man shall see Him enshrouded with his *glory*, and live. For further proof on this point, see Numb. 12: 8; 14: 14; Deut. 5: 4, 24; 34: 10; Judg. 13: 22; 2 Chron. 18: 18; Isai. 6: 5; John 14: 9; Acts 9: 27.]