

## Doctrine of Seeing God

1. The night of his greatest sin, having stolen the blessing and the birthright from his brother Esau, Jacob fled into the night and saw God.
  - *Genesis 28:16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.*
2. The Pharaoh of the Exodus generation saw a manifestation of God through the plagues that fell upon the cattle of the land.
  - *Exodus 9:3 Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: there shall be a very grievous murrain.*
3. The Pharaoh came to understand and confess the righteousness of God.
  - *Exodus 9:27 And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.*
4. In a great song of praise celebrating the destruction of Pharaoh and his army Moses led the people to sing a song of praise for they saw in God the source of their strength and salvation.
  - *Exodus 15:2 The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.*
5. Moses saw God as “a man of war” to use an anthropomorphic phrase.
  - *Exodus 15:3 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.*
6. Jethro, the father in law to Moses saw God as greater than all gods.
  - *Exodus 18:11 Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them.*
7. Joshua saw God as the champion for the people of Israel as they went forth to conquer the Land of Promise.
  - *Numbers 14:9 Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.*
8. Joshua saw God as One who suffers long and is full of great mercy, but righteous.

- *Numbers 14:18 The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.*

### **Conclusion.**

There are many *Scriptures* which tell us how others see God. But the great question is this. “*Have you seen God and if so in what way?*” There is the God of revelation and there is the God of imagination reflected in a conversation a mother had with her daughter. The conversation did not go well because the daughter thought she could start with herself and reach ultimate truth. She rejected the God of revelation for a prison of subjectivity. In the Old Testament we read in Jeremiah 29:13-14 “*And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. 14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD*” Jesus said in Matthew 5:8, “*Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.*” It is a promise.