



THE ONE ENCOUNTER THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

Life is full of encounters. Every day we meet people, situations, and opportunities. Some encounters are pleasant and remarkable, while others are painful and regretful. However, among all the encounters a person may have, the greatest, most important, most profitable, and most meaningful to all areas of life is an encounter with God.

- An encounter with God is not ordinary; it is a divine and supernatural meeting between God and man that results in transformation, restoration, deliverance, and the fulfillment of destiny.
- An encounter with God is a game changer. It is the one encounter that changes all things.
- One genuine encounter with God resolves every issue, it answers all questions, and establishes every promise.

Many people who come to God today are mostly looking for the missing pieces of their life journey. They did not understand the language of heaven that says, *“Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and the rest shall be added unto you.”* (**Matthew 6:33**).

The foundation of the great and successful people in the Bible was their encounter with God. They were not looking for pedigree, riches, fame, or power. But when they encountered God, they got all of these things.

- Moses encountered God at the burning bush, and a runaway murderer became a deliverer (**Exodus 3:1-10**).

- Jacob encountered God, and his identity (name) changed. A man became a nation. (**Genesis 32:28**).
- Saul encountered God on his way to Damascus, and he became Paul the apostle (**Acts 9:1-19**).
- The Samaritan woman encountered Jesus, and she became an evangelist (**John 4:28-30**).

The missing pieces of your life are in God. So, your priority should and must be on how to encounter God. An encounter with God is known in heaven as a divine formula that resolves all situations. When you encounter God, you and your situation cannot remain the same.

Why is an encounter with God the most important encounter in life?

1. An encounter with God changes a believer's identity.

What is the biblical definition of identity? Identity is the God-given nature, position, purpose, and value of a person as defined by God, not by the world, circumstances, or personal feelings.

Genesis 32:27-28

Jacob was known as a deceiver and supplanter, but after his encounter with God, his name changed to Israel. An ordinary, runaway boy immediately became a nation, and his brother, from whom he stole his birthright, came and welcomed him with open arms.

What was meant to kill him and take his blessing away from him embraced him and his family with celebration.



Likewise, my brothers and sisters, when a sinner encounters Christ, he becomes a child of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17

2. An encounter with God changes a believer's direction.

Saul was traveling to Damascus to persecute Christians. One encounter with Jesus changed his direction completely and forever.

- He became one of the greatest apostles.
- He became the author of most of the New Testament.
- Took the gospel of Jesus to the Gentiles.
- Today, we know and understand what the grace of God entails because of the Apostle Paul.

But before his encounter with God, he was passionately going around destroying what was destined to make him great.

Acts 9:3-5

My brothers and sisters, seeking a breakthrough is not possible without encountering the giver of the breakthrough. Running faster than others in the wrong direction will not make you the winner.

3. An encounter with God restores destiny.

A man can restore a damaged car, house, or valuable properties. But only God can restore destiny. Once destiny is lost for any reason, the only available avenue for restoration is an encounter with God.

Joel 2:25



Many believers have this promise of God stored in their minds, but I came to tell you that an encounter with God precedes the restoration. When you encounter God, lost years and seasons, broken dreams, damaged relationships, and wasted opportunities will be restored.

Always remember, seek ye first the kingdom of God, and the rest shall be added unto you. God is the one encounter that changes everything.

4. An encounter with God gives purpose and assignment.

What is purpose? Biblically, purpose is God's divine intention and plan for your life. It is the specific reason God created you and the work He desires to accomplish through you for His glory and the blessing of others.

So, a purposeless person is a dead man working. A believer can't have an impactful life without an encounter with God. The purpose of life is revealed in an encounter with God. Joseph's dream was not an ordinary dream; it was an encounter.

Isaiah 6:1 & 8

Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up. After the encounter, he received a divine commission.

- God never reveals Himself without imparting purpose.
- You cannot encounter God and remain idle in the house of God.
- If you are comfortable in the house of God doing nothing, that is the indication that you have not encountered God.



How Can You Experience an Encounter with God?

- I. **Hunger and Thirst for God.** God reveals Himself to those who genuinely seek Him

Jeremiah 29:13

A casual desire for God rarely produces deep encounters. A divine encounter always comes to those who passionately pursue God.

- II. **Live a life of Prayer.** Prayer creates an atmosphere for divine encounter.

Jeremiah 33:3

Consistent prayer positions the believer to hear from God and experience His presence. Many want to become prophets and miracle workers like Jesus, but have no appetite for prayer. It cannot happen.

- III. **Pursue Holiness and Obedience.** Obedience attracts divine manifestation, and holiness is the heartbeat of God.

Psalms 24:3-4 | John 14:21

- IV. **Cultivate a Lifestyle of Worship:** Heartfelt worship often precedes divine encounter.

Psalms 100:4 | Acts 16:25-26

Conclusion: The greatest encounter in life is an encounter with the living God. As believers sincerely pursue God, He reveals Himself.

James 4:8

As you seek God today, may you experience the encounter that changes everything in your life in Jesus' mighty name.



STUDY NOTES