

THE STORY OF MOSES

Aunt Hattie's Bible Stories

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CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE

MOSES AND THE ELDERS SEE GOD

“Would you like to hear the story of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness?”

“We wouldn't like it. We want an interesting story with excitement in it,” you may say.

“Sure enough you do, but suppose you were awakened some morning by the blast of a silver trumpet. You then were called by your mother to get up quickly, for the cloud had lifted and everyone in camp was packing up. Looking out of the window you could see your church being taken down, folded up and loaded into wagons. Then men would pick up the church furniture and walk off with it.”

“What kind of a fairy tale is that? Tell us more about it for it sounds like a thriller”—is that your answer now?

First, then let us take up the story of the children of Israel at the foot of Sinai after they had heard God's voice from out of the smoking mountain.

God called Moses and Aaron, Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel to come up on the side of Mount Sinai.

Only Moses was to come near to God's presence. The others were to worship afar off.

“And they saw the God of Israel; and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and as it were the very heaven for clearness . . . and they saw God and lived” (Exodus 24:9).

The Bible says, too, that, **“No man can see God and live.”**

How can both be true?

We will let the Bible explain the verse.

When Moses was telling about this scene on Mount Sinai many years afterward, he said, “**You saw no manner of similitude** (or shape of God) **on the day that the Lord spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire**” (Deuteronomy 4:15).

How then could they see God and not His shape?

They saw the glory of God.

There was a reason why God did not reveal Himself in the form of a man, for if He had, then they might have tried to make an image or idol just like Him to worship and thus be led into idol worship.

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