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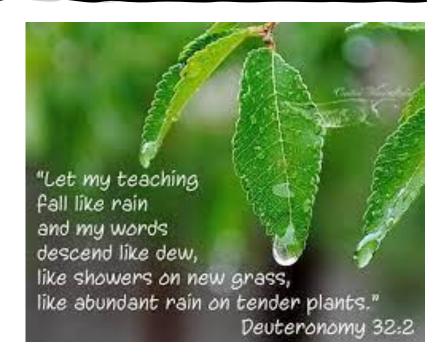
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None Like Him Loe Slater

Some people just naturally stand out from the rest. Of three individuals the Bible says there was "none like him."

When Israel clamored for a king so they could be like



the nations around them, God reluctantly gave them Saul, the son of Kish. The prophet Samuel anointed Saul and asked Israel, "Do you see him whom the Lord has chosen, that there is no one like him among all the people?" (1 Samuel 10:1, 24). What was so special about Saul? "When he stood among

the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward" (10:23). Unfortunately, his fine physique

didn't make Saul a good king. He started out well but came to a disastrous end.



Hezekiah, unlike Saul, was renowned not for his good looks, but his godliness. "He trusted in the Lord God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among the kings of Judah, nor who were before him" (2 Kings 18:5). Hezekiah had inherited a kingdom mired down in the idolatry and immorality of his father, Ahaz. Despite his youth and regardless of the difficulty, Hezekiah instituted sweeping reforms to bring Judah closer to God.



Even better than Hezekiah was the patriarch Job. God Himself said of him, "There is none like him on the earth" (Job 1:8a). What made him so exceptional? The Lord said he was "a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil"

(1:8b). Job's conduct was such that no one could successfully find fault with him. (His friends tried but failed miserably!) Job's reverence for God led him to shun wickedness.

Christians ought to stand out from the world. We may not have marvelous physiques, nor should that be our concern. Let us trust in the Lord like Hezekiah! Let us strive to be blameless and upright, reverencing God and shunning evil! May God say of us, "There is none like them!" https://justinchurchofchrist.com/

Seeing God's Glory By Seeing Jesus

In Exodus 33, we're given a fascinating glimpse into a conversation between God and Moses. In the context, the Israelite people have just worshipped the golden calf while Moses was on Mt. Sinai receiving the laws of God. The Lord was furious and declared that He would not personally lead the Israelites to their promised land in Cancan, but would send an angel to do it instead. In the "tent of meeting" outside the camp, Moses successfully pleaded with God to change His mind. After God revealed that Moses had found favor in His sight and that He knew Moses by name, Moses reciprocated with a plea to know God: "Please show me your glory` (Exodus 33.18). God revealed that it was possible for Moses

to view His "back" from inside a rock cleft, but seeing God's true glory was out of the question. "Man shall not see me and live" (Exodus 33.20).

In the beginning of the apostle John's gospel, I believe we see this conversation referenced in a remarkable way. John wrote that Jesus took on human flesh among us and as a result, "we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father..." (John 1. 14). Four verses later, John said that "no one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known." Since it was not possible for sintainted human beings to view the holy God with unveiled eyes, God took our human form so we could see His glory in that way. Therefore, when Jesus walked the earth, people could truly say that they saw God. Since Jesus is the exact imprint of God's nature (Hebrews 1.3), John and those with him truly did behold the glory of God when they were with Him. As Jesus said Himself, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (.John 14.9). The kind of intimacy with God that Moses craved is possible when we have a relationship with Jesus.

Do we grasp the significance of seeing God through Jesus? When we study the actions and words of Jesus in the gospel accounts, we're not merely reading accounts of a gifted teacher or charismatic leader, we're reading about who our Creator is at His very core. When we see Jesus warmly embrace small children (Mark 9.36, 10.14), we are seeing God's profound love for the small, helpless. and unimportant people of the world. When we see Jesus shed tears of sorrow and anger when lie's confronted by death and it's evil effects (John 11.35), we are seeing God's deep abhorrence of sin and what it does to human beings. When we see Jesus willingly endure emotional and physical torture at the hands of brutal enemies, we are seeing the extent of God's zeal to save us from our own hideous wickedness. Do you want to see the glory of God and know Him personally? Look closely at Jesus of Nazareth.

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