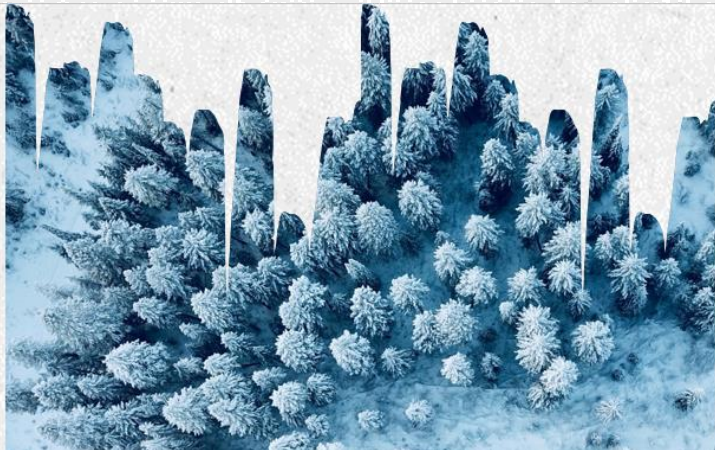


HIGHER GLORY (Part 15)

What Should I Do to Make God Appear For
Me as 'the Lord Almighty'?

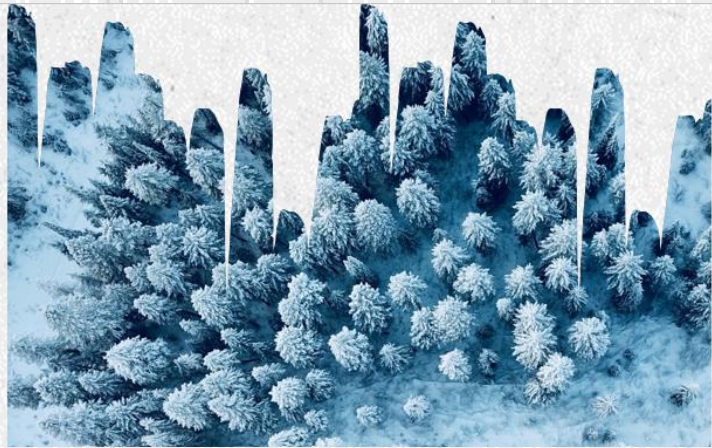


Ans.:

“IS YOUR CITY THE CITY OF THE GREAT GOD?”

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TEXTS:

HAGGAI 2:9 (NIV)

⁹ ‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the LORD Almighty. **‘And in this place I will grant peace,’** declares the LORD Almighty.”

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, **just as by the Spirit of the Lord.** (The transformation journey is by the Holy Spirit).

Ephesians 3:20-21

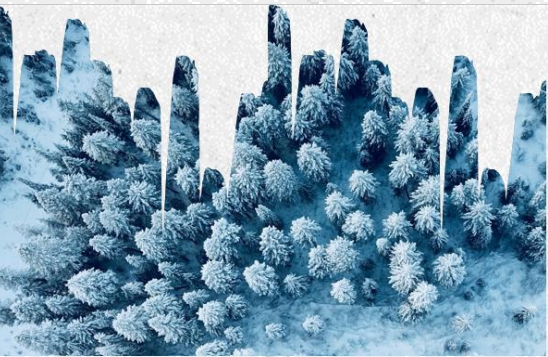
“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, be the glory throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen”

“IS YOUR CITY THE CITY OF THE GREAT GOD?”

Psalms 48 affirms...

¹ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

² Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is **mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.**



Brethren, once our city is the city of the great God, the power of God comes down – God comes as “the Lord Almighty.

For example,

Moses: For forty years, Moses tendered flock for his father-in-law in a city that was not the city of the great God.

Acts 7:30 “After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the flames of a burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai/Horeb”.

Commentary: The Arab shepherds seldom take their flocks to a greater

distance than one day's journey from their camp. Moses must have gone at least two days' journey (on this particular occasion).

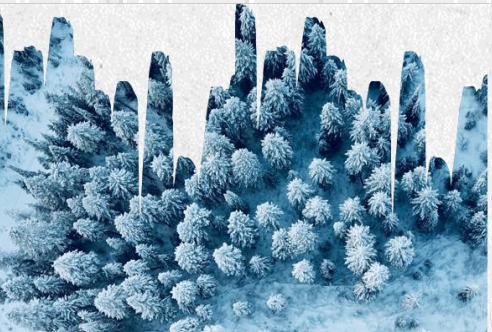
Exodus 3:1-6

¹Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

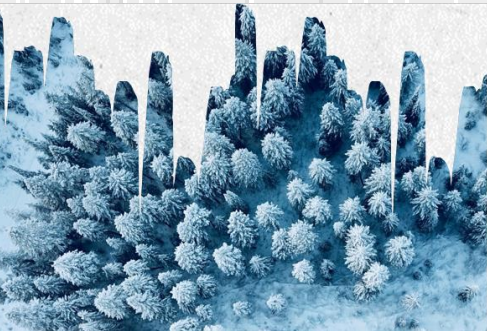
⁴When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

⁵ "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶Then he said, "I am the God of your father,^[a] the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.



Elijah

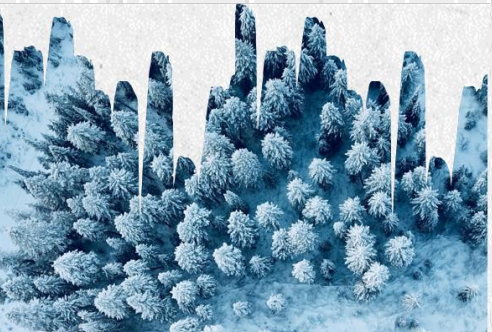


After Elijah called the prophets of Baal, Jezebel threatened to kill him. ³ Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. ⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night.

The LORD Appears to Elijah

And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty

¹⁵ The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu,... and anoint Elisha ... to succeed you as prophet.



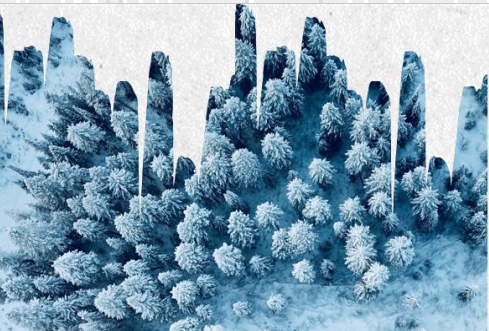
Though both Moses and Elijah travelled so long to get to the city of God, it does always have to be so:

Elijah

The same land where Baal was called, Elijah cleanses it and it became a City of the Great God

²⁵ Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire.” ²⁶ So they took the bull given them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. “Baal, answer us!” they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered.

³⁰ Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.” They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down. ³¹ Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, “Your name shall be Israel.”



³² With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. ³³ He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, “Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood.” They did it a second and third time.

³⁶ At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. ³⁷ Answer me, LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.”

³⁸ Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

³⁹ When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!”

Brethren, a city that was not a city of the great God was turned the opposite because of the sacrifice of Elijah.

EZEKIEL

Ezekiel 37

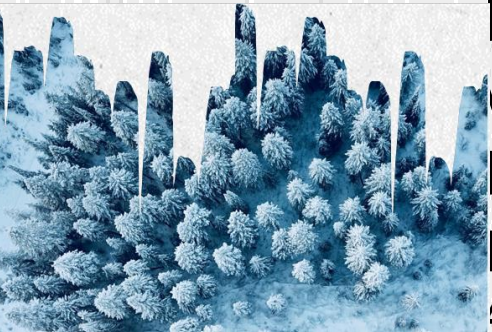
37 The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "**Sovereign LORD, you alone know.**"

⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!

.... ⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

¹¹ Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you



back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD,

David

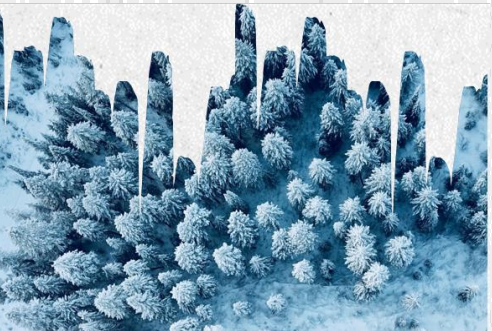
1 Samuel 17

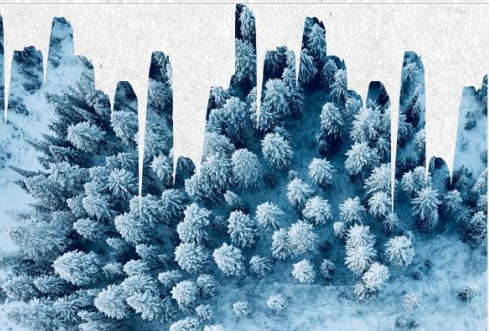
The battles ground (the valley) was defiled

⁸ Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why do you come out and line up for battle?

... ¹⁰ Then the Philistine said, “This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.” ¹¹ On hearing the Philistine’s words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

¹⁵ but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father’s sheep at Bethlehem. ¹⁶ For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand. ²⁴ Whenever the Israelites saw the man, they all fled from him in great fear. ³⁴ But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised





Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head.

⁴⁸ As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. ⁴⁹ Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

The moment David made that statement of faith the defiled land became a city of the great God.

Similarly, faith displayed by the Hebrew boys (Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego) turned the den of a lion and a burning furnace into the city of the great God.

What **Do** We Need to Do?

Mark 9:49

“⁴⁹ “For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt.

1. Moses and Elijah demonstrated the value in going deeper
2. Elijah sacrificed to clean the altar
3. Ezekiel exercised faith and obeyed the command
4. David knew and honoured his God and what He can do
5. Daniel, Sheldrake, Meshach and Abednego exercised faith

Our thoughts, word, deed/action, clean altar, sacrifice and pure heart will qualify us to be carriers of God’s fire and the land we stand on become **THE CITY OF THE GREAT GOD, which enable God to come to us as “the Lord Almighty.”**

God Bless You!

