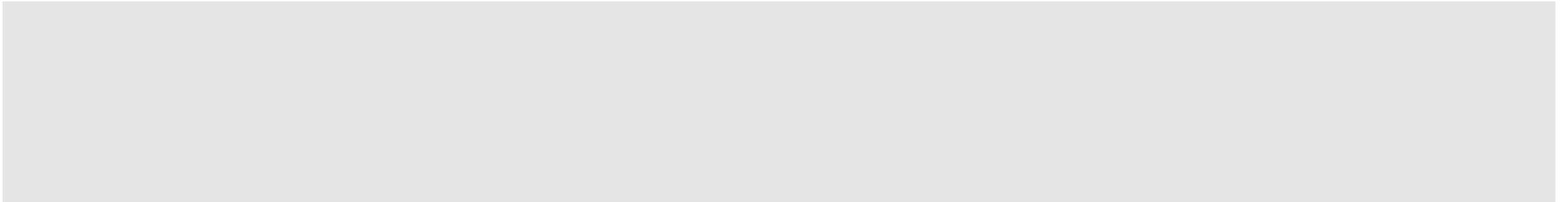
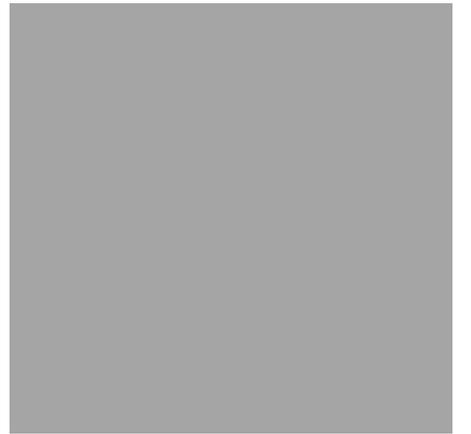




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Psalm 143:10,8

Experiencing the Mysteries of God



Introduction

- “He causes His wind to blow, and the waters to flow.” (Ps. 143:10,8)
- “The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” (Jn. 3:8)



Introduction

- “Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.” (Jn. 16:24)
 - *In that day you shall ask Me nothing, He refers not to the time of His resurrection, but to that time when we shall see Him as He is: which vision is not of this present life, but of the life everlasting, when we shall ask for nothing, ask no questions, because there will remain nothing to be desired, nothing to be learnt. (St. Augustine)*

Jacob Wrestles with God

- Background
- Jacob's life prior to this experience



Gen. 32:24-26

- Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. 25 Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. 26 And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks."
- Wrestling of love

Gen. 32:26-28

- But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" 27 So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." 28 And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."
- Jacob demands a blessing
- Name change: Jacob to Israel

Gen. 32:29-30

- Then Jacob asked, saying, “Tell me Your name, I pray.” And He said, “Why is it that you ask about My name?” And He blessed him there. 30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: “For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.”
- Jacob names the place
- Then the Lord disappears

Revealing the Mysteries of God

- "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father." (Jn. 16:25)
- "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts." (Is. 55:8-9)
- "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." (Jn. 16:12)

Between the Ascension and Pentecost

- The disciples were gathered in the Upper Room waiting for the promised Helper.
- On the day of Pentecost, they will receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit.
- “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.” (2 Cor. 3:18)
- The Church is guided by the Holy Spirit

Question 1:

To whom does God reveal Himself?

1. The one who sits alone with Him in prayer
2. To those who strongly desire Him

Question 2:

How can I respond to the mysteries of God?

1. Ask for a blessing
2. Change my life

Question 3:

What do we gain from experiencing the mysteries of God?

1. Comfort, courage, enlightenment, and ultimately salvation.
2. **“I have seen the face of God, and my life is preserved.”**
(Gen. 32:30)

Question 4:

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