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Come Up Higher: Be Transformed

Habakkuk 3:19 - *The Sovereign Lord is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.*

- **God Doesn't Always Change The Circumstances, But He Can Change Us To Meet The Circumstances**

GOD'S HOLY MOUNTAIN

Ezekiel 28:13, 14, 16 - *You were in Eden, the garden of God...¹⁴ You had access to the holy mountain of God...¹⁶ So I banished you in disgrace from the mountain of God...*

Revelation 21:10 - *So he took me in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.*

- **A People Made Holy In Order To Ascend Into God's Presence**

MOUNTAIN TOP TRANSFORMATION

Exodus 24:1-2 - *Then the Lord instructed Moses: "Come up here to me, and bring along Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of Israel's elders. All of you must worship from a distance. ² Only Moses is allowed to come near to the Lord. The others must not come near, and none of the other people are allowed to climb up the mountain with him."*

- **God's Holiness Was To Be Valued, Respected, Even Feared**

Psalms 15:1 - *Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord? Who may enter your presence on your holy hill?*

Psalm 15:2–5 - *Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, speaking the truth from sincere hearts.*

³ *Those who refuse to gossip or harm their neighbors or speak evil of their friends.* ⁴ *Those who despise flagrant sinners, and honor the faithful followers of the Lord, and keep their promises even when it hurts.* ⁵ *Those who lend money without charging interest, and who cannot be bribed to lie about the innocent. Such people will stand firm forever.*

Psalm 24:3 - *Who may climb the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?*

- **“Mountain of the Lord” Is Connected To God’s Presence**

Psalm 24:4 - *Only those whose hands and hearts are pure, who do not worship idols and never tell lies.*

NEW TESTAMENT ASCENSION

Hebrews 7:18-19 - *Yes, the old requirement about the priesthood was set aside because it was weak and useless.* ¹⁹ *For the law never made anything perfect. But now we have confidence in a better hope, through which we draw near to God.*

- **With Our Sin Completely Removed, We Can Stand In God’s Presence**

Matthew 27:50-51 - *Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit.* ⁵¹ *At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom...*

- **The Way Into The Holy Of Holies Was Open For Everyone**

Acts 17:24 - *He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn’t live in man-made temples*

Hebrews 10:19-20 - *And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven’s Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus.* ²⁰ *By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.*

- **Ascending God’s Holy Hill Involves A Transformation Towards Holiness**

Exodus 24:10 - *Then the Lord told Moses, “Go down and prepare the people for my arrival. Consecrate them today and tomorrow, and have them wash their clothing.*

- 1) **Becoming Spiritually Ready To Get Close To God.**
 - 2) **Removing That Which Was Not Of God.**
 - 3) **Avoiding Things That Could Distract From Attention On God.**
- **Involves Time In Prayer And Purposeful Reflection Before God**

Psalms 27:8 - *My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me." And my heart responds, "Lord, I am coming."*

Psalm 43:3 - *Send out your light and your truth; let them guide me. Let them lead me to your holy mountain, to the place where you live.*