


*Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. (Luke 24:27)*



A painting depicting three men in a lush, sunlit landscape. The man in the center, with long hair and a beard, wears a white robe and a blue cloak, and is gesturing upwards with his right hand. He is flanked by two other men in robes. They are walking on a dirt path towards a large, ancient tree on the left. In the background, a city with domes and towers is visible through the trees. The overall scene is bright and atmospheric, suggesting a divine or significant moment.

# *The Glory of the LORD*

*2 Chronicles*

# *The Cloud*

- “The LORD was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light...” (Ex. 13:21)
- “The angel of God, who had been going before the camp of Israel...” (Ex. 14:19)

# *The Cloud*

- “The LORD said to Moses, ‘Behold, I will come to you in a thick cloud, so that the people may hear when I speak with you and may also believe in you forever.’” (Ex. 19:9a; cf. Acts 7:30-38)

# *The Cloud*

- “...there were thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.” (19:16)

# Exodus 24:15-16

- “Then Moses went up to the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. **The glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai**, and the cloud covered it for six days; and on the seventh day He called to Moses from the midst of the cloud.”

## Exodus 24:17-18

- “And to the eyes of the sons of Israel the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the mountain top. Moses entered the midst of the cloud as he went up to the mountain; and Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.”

# *The Cloud*

- While on the mountain, Moses received the law and the plans for the tabernacle (Ex. 24:12-31:18)
- When Israel moved away from the mountain, Moses met with God in *the tent of meeting* (Ex. 33:7-11)



# *The Cloud*

- “Whenever Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent; and the LORD would speak with Moses.” (Ex. 33:9; cf. 25:22)
  - “face to face” (Ex. 33:11)

# *The Cloud*

- Moses built the tabernacle just as God outlined it (Ex. 40:1-33)
- “Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.” (40:34)

# *The Cloud*

- “Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.” (Exodus 40:35)

# *The Cloud*

- “Throughout all their journeys whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the sons of Israel would set out; but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day when it was taken up.” (Exodus 40:36-37)

# *The Cloud*

- “For throughout all their journeys, the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel.” (Exodus 40:38; cf. Num. 9:15-23)

# *The Cloud*

- *The cloud = the glory of God -> the angel of God -> Christophany*
- “This represented the presence of the divine Angel of God, the pre-incarnate appearance of Christ”  
(Wycliffe Bible Commentary)

# Expositor's Bible Commentary

“The cloud, which was in fact ‘the glory of the LORD,’ had first guided the people of Israel out of Egypt (Exod 13:21-22) and then through the wilderness (40:36-38); and it is associated with the angel of God (14:19; 23:20-23), presumably the preincarnate presence of Christ...”

# 2 Chronicles 5

- Solomon built the temple just as God outlined it (5:1; cf. 1 Chron. 28:19)
- Israel had a huge party (5:6)
- The priests placed the ark of the covenant behind the veil (5:7)



# *The Cloud*

- “...then the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.” (2 Chron. 5:13-14; cf. 7:1)

# *The Cloud*

- “Then Solomon said, ‘The LORD has said that He would dwell in the thick cloud. I have built You a lofty house, And a place for Your dwelling forever.’” (2 Chron. 6:1-2)

# *The Cloud*

- “But will God indeed dwell with mankind on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You; how much less this house which I have built.” (2 Chron. 6:18)

# *The Cloud*

- Constant Tension: God is infinite and transcendent, and yet imminent
- His manifestations are gracious acts of condescension (cf. Phil. 2:5-11)
  - Signify His presence, approval, and acceptance

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# *The Cloud*

- “And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)
- At His transfiguration: *glory* and *cloud* (Luke 9:28-36)

# *The Cloud*

- Because of Israel's sin, God's glory left the temple (Ezek. 10:18-19; 11:23)
- But God promised His glory will return! (Ezek. 43:1-9; 44:4)
  - “In the latter days” (Isa. 2:1-4)
  - See Isa. 4:2-6

# *The Christ*

- Led, protected, and provided for Israel for 40 years in the wilderness
- Talked with Moses on Mount Sinai and in the tent of meeting
- Filled the tabernacle and temple with His glory



# *The Christ*

- “Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.’” (John 8:58)
- “the Scriptures ... testify about Me” (John 5:39)
- “Moses ... wrote about Me” (5:46)

# *The Christ*

- “He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name” (John 1:11-12)

# *So What?*

- ~~“NT God” vs “OT God”~~
  - “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Heb. 13:8)
  - 1 Cor. 10:1-13
    - “and the rock was Christ” (4)
    - “examples for us” (6, 11)

# *So What?*

- We don't need external reminders – we have an *internal witness* (Rom. 8:15-17; Eph. 1:13-14)
  - “By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.” (1 John 4:13)