

## Behold the Lamb

As I was worshipping the Lord, an awesome sense of His Presence invaded the room. I was caught up into the Holiness and Majesty of the Lord Himself and scarcely dared to breathe. Suddenly, a Lamb appeared before me. He walked up to me and touched my cheek with his cool, moist nose. He gazed steadily at me with eyes that carried the look of eternity; the look of infinite love and mercy, and wisdom beyond understanding. At the same time, his eyes also held infinite justice, righteousness, and holiness. I became aware of every atom of my entire being. Everything was laid open and bare: nothing could be hidden from His piercing eyes. I stared in amazement at my entire being: it had become completely transparent. I waited with dread and terror at being so utterly and completely exposed.

He spoke to me and said "Are you coming?" and then proceeded to walk toward a hill of fire. I desperately wanted to follow Him. He stopped, looked back at me and asked me again "Are you coming?" I seemed to be torn because while I desperately wanted to be with Him, I was afraid of the pain of the convicting and cleansing fire. He then said "This is where I will be" and walked into the hill of fire. I knew I had no choice but to follow Him wherever He would lead.

About forty five minutes later this intense Presence of the Lord lifted. I found myself facedown on the floor. I touched my cheek and found it cold and wet, as when a lamb nuzzles you.

The Lord's desire is for us to acknowledge our wretched sinful ways and turn from them to receive His gracious pardon, forgiveness, and restoration. He knows every detail of us, good and bad. Let us keep short accounts and a tender conscience by daily allowing the Holy Spirit to illuminate the bible to us. Prayer, bible study, and fellowship with healthy believers will cause us to grow and mature. When we hide our sin, it is only to ourselves. Be quick to repent as God will freely pardon those of a contrite heart. Let the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit refine and cleanse us.

Hebrews 4: 13

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight.  
Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must  
give account.

Isaiah 6:5

Woe is me, I cried. I am ruined. For I am a man of unclean  
lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the  
King, the Lord Almighty.

Jeremiah 17:9-10

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who  
can understand it?

I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward  
a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve.

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me O God and know my heart. Test me and know my  
anxious thoughts. See if there is and offensive way in me, and lead me in the  
way everlasting.

## Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill?

He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman, who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the Lord, who keeps his oath even when it hurts, who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.