

Ex 20:18 When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance 19 and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die." 20 Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning." 21 The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

That was then—the old covenant. Only a select few could enter the holy place. Only the Levites could offer sacrifice. Even in Jesus' day, copies of the Scriptures were mostly in the synagogues—the Word of the Lord in the hands of every day people! Unheard of.

But now----God sent Jesus to be the Living Word! All who come by way of the cross can have access to the very presence of God. We can all have our own copy of the Holy Bible. Aren't you thankful for God's grace and mercy?

Heb 4:14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-- yet was without sin. 16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

As we sang last Sunday, "Jesus is all I need!"

Take time today to thank God for the gift of grace through Jesus Christ!

Tonight---come out for chili and cornbread. A great meal and time to be with friends—proceeds go to the basketball team. 5:30-6:45 p.m. After our worship time, I'll be continuing our study of the words of Jesus to the 7 churches in the beginning of Revelations.

Sunday night-6 p.m. here at 1st Assembly. Full Gospel Rally for area churches. We're expecting a mighty move of God. Many churches have been invited. Rev. Kevin Crawford is preaching—he's the pastor at Praise Assembly in Glen Alpine. Invite friends.

Seniors Potluck Jan. 17th—in our fellowship hall. Starts at 11 a.m. See the Princes for information.

Have a blessed and wonderful day.

Pastor Daniel