

*Has anyone seen the Lord? Will we see the Lord face to face?*

The apostle John wrote: “No man hath seen God at any time (1 Jn 4:12).” Men in the Old Testament<sup>1</sup> saw God as theophany. He manifested himself in some form; but, they did not see God in all of his fullness.

John’s point was that God today is known through believers. Christians are his ambassadors on the earth (2 Co 5:20).

No one seeks after God (Ro 3:11). It is God who seeks man (2 Ti 2:25, 2 Pe 3:9).

The law was an expression of his will (Ro 7:2–9). To understand God, one needs the Spirit (1 Co 2:10–14). He must be born again (Jn 3:7).

The Lord came and manifested God (Ga 4:4). His love is perfected in us (1 Jn 4:12).

Through God’s people we see a mirror-like reflection of God (1 Co 13:12a); but one day we will see him face to face (13:12b).

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<sup>1</sup> Adam and Eve, Moses, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, etc.