

AN ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

Luke 5:1-11

Point 1

God in the flesh dwelt among us.

Marked off the heavens with His hand?

(Isa 40:12 NIV) Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance?

God dwelt among us

(Luke 5:1-3 NIV) One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

Our hands touched God!

(1 John 1:1 NIV) That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

Point 2

God wants to ble**ss** us.

Blessing them back

(Luke 5:4 NIV) When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

The ultimate blessing...

(John 3:16-18 NIV) "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

We know better...

(Luke 5:5 NIV) Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything."

Giving Jesus the benefit of a doubt...

(Luke 5:5b NIV) But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

Point 3

How much will God bless us if we only just obey Him?

What a blessing!

(Luke 5:6-7 NIV) When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

Sin hurts you

(1 Pet 2:11 NIV) Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.

Point 4

True encounters with God lead to a
response.

An interesting response

(Luke 5:8-9 NIV) When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners

He will fall down and worship

(1 Cor 14:24-25 NIV) But if an unbeliever or someone who does not understand comes in while everybody is prophesying, he will be convinced by all that he is a sinner and will be judged by all, and the secrets of his heart will be laid bare. So he will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!"

Job's encounter

(Job 40:4-6 NIV) "I am unworthy--how can I reply to you? I put my hand over my mouth. My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

Isaiah's encounter

(Isa 6:5 NIV) "Woe to 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."

Who was the one...

■ that offered to walk on water with Jesus?

■ who on the Mount of Transfiguration offered to make tents?

■ when asked who Jesus was, proclaimed “You are the Christ!”

Point 5

True encounters with God lead to a
change.

I will make you fishers of men

(Luke 5:10 NIV) Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men."

Our goal...

reach Alliance for Christ

(1 Tim 1:15 NIV) Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst.

Point 6

Is it not about the fish .

They left the fish!

(Luke 5:11 NIV) So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Conclusion