# BEHOLD Your GOD

BEHOLD Denial and declaration

JOHN 18:15-40

Nothing is ever too great for God or beyond His control. And in those very moments where hope seems lost, that is when God reminds us of His divine dominance. "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up." (John 3:14)

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ordered, foreordained, and sovereignly accomplished by the only One who was in control.

Every moment was

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1. Peter's Denial (John 18:15-18, 25-27)

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"Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses and one for Elijah." (Matthew 17:4)

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- Full exposure to the glory of God is rinsed away by the question of a slave-girl.

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 While Jesus is inside being wrongly accused and tried, Peter is outside vehemently and aggressively denying his relationship.

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• Are you a fair-weather fan with Jesus?

• Does your faith wane or gain in the midst of the storm?

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# Jesus died to cover and forgive your every sin

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 Peter's Denial (John 18:15-18, 25-27)
 Jesus' Declaration (John 18:19-24, 28-40)

• Are you proud of Jesus?

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Are you proud of Jesus?
Are you proud of your witness?

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• "Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation."

(1 Peter 2:12)

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• "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

#### (Ephesians 5:15-17)

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 As the Lamb that would soon be slain, pure and spotless, the very moments leading up to the cross only further affirm his holiness, his righteousness, his innocence.

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"If this Man were not an evildoer, we would have delivered Him to you." (John 18:30)
"I find no guilt in Him."

(John 18:38)

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 Here the crowd chose "Jesus, son of a father" instead of Jesus, Son of the Father.

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 "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

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#### Romans 5:8

"By canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross." (Colossians 2:24)

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- Romans 5:8
- Colossians 2:24
- "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God..."
  (Ephesians 2:8)

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- Romans 5:8
- Colossians 2:24
- Ephesians 2:8
- "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

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 Because of Jesus and his promises over us, we know that far greater, far more permanent things are ours to come!

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