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Psalms 31:9-13 (NLT)

# SCRIPTURE IN SONGS No:377

- Give ear to my words, O LORD
- Consider my meditations
- Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God
- For unto Thee will I pray
- My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning,
- O LORD in the morning **will I direct my prayers**
- Unto Thee and will look up.
- Psalms 5:1-3 KJV



TO WHOM DO YOU DIRECT  
YOUR PRAYERS?

**Psalms 5:1-3 (KJV)**





The background features a central bright light source from which numerous golden rays emanate, creating a starburst effect. Interspersed among these rays are soft, out-of-focus circular bokeh lights in shades of yellow and gold, set against a dark, almost black background.

**To God Almighty, Creator  
of heaven and earth!!!**

In fact in Isaiah 45:5 it states,  
"I am the LORD there is no  
other; apart from Me there  
is no God.

I am the first and I am the  
last; apart from Me there is  
no God

ISAIAH 44:6

Who sits enthroned above the circle of the earth and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches the heavens like a canopy and spreads it out like a tent to live in.

ISAIAH 40:21

For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.

Deuteronomy 10:17



For the LORD Most High is  
awesome, the great King  
over all the earth.

Psalms 47:2

In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; He is more awesome than all who surround him. Who is like you, **LORD God Almighty**? You, LORD, are mighty, and Your faithfulness surrounds You.

Psalms 89:7-8

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

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JEHOVAH  
*Sabaoth*

THE LORD OF HOSTS

יהוה צבאות

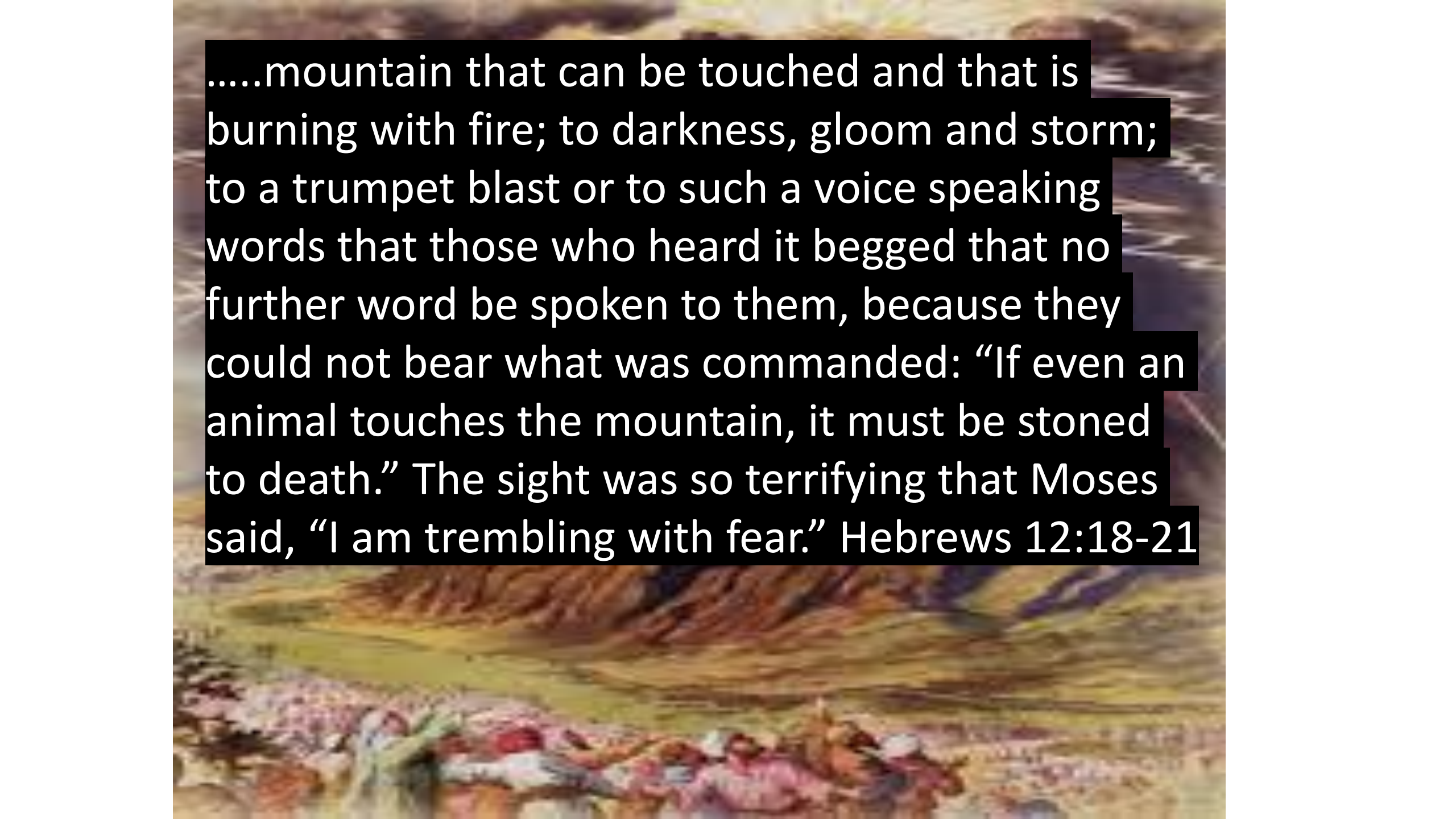
YHWH Sabaoth  
LORD of hosts  
LORD of Heavenly Armies  
God of Angel Armies

Who dwells in  
unapproachable light

1TIM 6:16

**Exodus 19:16-19, 20:18-21**



The background of the image is a painting of a mountainous landscape. In the foreground, a large crowd of people is gathered, some appearing to be in a state of distress or prayer. The middle ground shows rolling hills and valleys, and the background features a prominent, dark mountain peak under a dramatic, cloudy sky. The overall color palette is dominated by earthy tones like browns, greens, and greys, with some highlights of red and pink in the crowd.

.....mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death." The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear." Hebrews 12:18-21



# Many view GOD as.....

- God is depicted as faceless, terribly awesome, full of wrath.
- He is emotionless, cold, distant, unapproachable, intimidating, somewhat fearsome.
- No nonsense, serious, demanding, a Heavenly Judge.
- Eternal, vast & limitless so no one can relate to Him.
- Jealous - “You shall not bow down to them(idols) or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me.” Deuteronomy 5:9







**GOD OF THE OLD TESTAMENT??**

“I THE LORD DO NOT CHANGE.”

MALACHI 3:6

“I the LORD do not change.”

- Ps103:8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love...\*
- Isaiah 54:7-8 For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you,” says the LORD your Redeemer.
- Isa 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you..
- Isa 41:13 For I am the LORD your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

# He is the same yesterday today & forever

- Isaiah 49:15-16 Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms...
- Isa 40:11 He tends His flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries it close to His heart.....
- Isaiah 54:10 Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet My unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor My covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

- Isaiah 46:3-4...you whom I have upheld since your birth, and have carried since you were born. Even to your old age and gray hairs. I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.
- Deut 33:26-27 “There is no one like the God of Jeshurun (Israel), who rides across the heavens to help you and on the clouds in His majesty. The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.



# To whom do we direct our prayers?

- To a holy and awesome God, Creator of heaven and earth,
- The LORD God Almighty, the LORD of Host - Jehovah Saboath- God of Angel Armies
- To the One Who dwells in unapproachable light yet choose to dwell among us, walk among us and now live in each one of us

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14



# To whom do we direct our prayers?

- To the One Who chose us to be holy and blameless Eph1:4, Heb4:16
- To the One Who made us as His sons and daughters Jn 1:12
- To the One Who made us heirs of the Kingdom. Gal 4:4-6
- To the One Who called us friends and no longer servants. Jn 15:15
- To the One Who loved us with an everlasting love Jn 3:16



God Loves You This Much