BEING TOUCHED BY GOD-

“And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.” Gen. 32:30

To be touched by God leaves an eternal imprint on our lives. To be touched by God changes the way we walk. It changes the way we talk; the way we think; the way we do business; the way we deal with our families; the way we handle our relationships; it changes everything about us. God’s touch leaves a lasting imprint.

“And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.” I Sam 10:26

The word "touched" means "to lay the hand upon" --. Here it simply means divine influence. See 1 Ki.19:5,7 and Job 19:21 and Phil. 2:13. When the heart is touched we are deeply touched. When the heart is touched the core of our being is touched. When the heart is touched someone has gotten through all the layers to the center. We have been known. We have been seen. We have been pierced. They were not just swayed by a divine influence. They were not just seen and known. God, with infinite condescension, touched their heart. God was that close. And they were not consumed.

1. When we are touched by God, we are declared “Not Guilty!”

Matthew 8:1-3-And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

2. When we are touched by God, we are given new life

God touches the heart of the consecrated to be Spiritually conscious of the Spirit’s work in us.

3. When we are touched by God, we are given new sight.
After we are given new life in Christ, our spiritual eyes are able to see, to understand, to discern the things of the Spirit of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18, “I know very well how foolish it sounds to those who are lost, when they hear that Jesus died to save them. But we who are saved recognize this message as the very power of God.” He gives us soundness of character. Soul-consciousness, Compassion for the lost.

4. When we are touched by God, God speaks through us.
Jer. 1:4-8
"Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD. Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.”

Pursuing the Lord is the secret to a fulfilled life.

“ Why? Because He knew that our human nature is unconsciously governed by the influences of the familiar. If He is to expand us to receive the eternal, He must rescue us from the limitations of the temporal.” Francis Frangipani

“I love that touch. I want it more and more. For myself and for all of you. I pray that God would touch me anew for his glory. I pray that he would touch us all. O for the touch of God! If it comes with fire, so be it. If it comes with water so be it. If it comes with wind, let it come, O God. If it comes with thunder and lightning, let us bow before it. O Lord, come. Come that close. Burn and soak and blow and crash.
Come still come touch!” Piper