

what they learned and then I could try to apply it to myself and others. The title for this series is a lot bigger than the series but there are six messages in it and while that by no means treats all of the theophantic passages, it is a start and that is about all one could do in one week.

**The Ministry:**

- 1. The Appearances of God to Old Testament Saints**
- 2. Abraham**
- 3. Abraham**
- 4. Isaac**
- 5. Jacob**
- 6. Jacob**

**The Idea:**

**Personal accounts of people meeting the Lord are always interesting and educational. In our age we have to be careful to let experiences be governed by truth and not just be tools of fancy but I still like to hear of accounts in which consciousness was suddenly jarred by an act of God. The Old Testament theophanies are, in the purest sense, the times when the Lord appears as a person and meets people that way. There are many occurrences in the Old Testament and I originally thought I would treat them all....but that would take several conferences so I have settled for those dealing with the patriarchs and not even all of those! At any rate, we see their experience and from it we are able to learn lessons about trusting the Lord and that is a fundamental need of every age, including ours.**

**MESSAGE # 1 THE APPEARANCES OF GOD**

**Biblical Passages: Psalm 34:8**

**I. Introduction to the Study:**

It may seem like a strange place to start but the advice of the Psalm writer to taste and see that the Lord is good is exactly where we begin. The patriarchs were met by God under many different circumstances in which they were able to see more of His work and to trust Him more fully in the promises He had given and the directions whereby He wanted them to live. As each met the Lord in the way God chose to reveal Himself, each learned something added about trust and the "taste and see" principle was honored. We can take