


God's Self-revelation to Moses

Exodus 33:18 – 34:9


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Moses asks to see God's glory

- **Exodus 33:18, 19**

Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!" And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion."



Moses cannot see God in His full divine essence

- **Exodus 33:20**

But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!"

Moses will be protected by God

■ **Exodus 33:21 - 23**

Then the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock; and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."

The new tablets show that the covenant is back in full force

■ **Exodus 34:1, 2**

Now the Lord said to Moses, "Cut out for yourself two stone tablets like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets which you shattered. So be ready by morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to Me on the top of the mountain."

God cannot be approached except on His terms

■ **Exodus 34:3, 4**

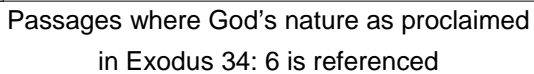
"And no man is to come up with you, nor let any man be seen anywhere on the mountain; even the flocks and the herds may not graze in front of that mountain." So he cut out two stone tablets like the former ones, and Moses rose up early in the morning and went up to Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and he took two stone tablets in his hand.



The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, "The LORD."



Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;"



- Numbers 14:18
- Nehemiah 9:17
- Psalm 86:15
- Psalm 103:8
- Psalm 145:8
- Nahum 1:3
- 2Chronicles 30:8, 9
- Joel 2:13, 14
- Jonah 4:2

God's *hesed* lasts for thousands of generations

■ **Exodus 34:7**

“who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.”

A reiterated appeal for God's presence

■ **Exodus 34:8, 9**

Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship. He said, “If now I have found favor in Your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go along in our midst, even though the people are so obstinate, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your own possession.”

The promise of presence is restored

■ **Exodus 33:13, 14** (HCSB)

“Now if I have indeed found favor in Your sight, please teach me Your ways, and I will know You and find favor in Your sight. Now consider that this nation is Your people.” Then He replied, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

The reflected glory shines on Moses' face

■ **Exodus 34:29, 30**

It came about when Moses was coming down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the testimony were in Moses' hand as he was coming down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because of his speaking with Him. So when Aaron and all the sons of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

The reflected glory shines on Moses' face

■ **Exodus 34:33 - 35**

When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take off the veil until he came out; and whenever he came out and spoke to the sons of Israel what he had been commanded, the sons of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone. So Moses would replace the veil over his face until he went in to speak with Him.

Implications and Applications

1) The glory of God is revealed to us through Jesus Christ

2) God must punish guilt, so we need a Savior

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■ **John 1:14, 17**

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. . . . For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

1) The glory of God is revealed to us through Jesus Christ

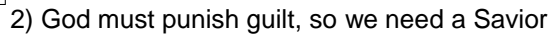
■ **2Corinthians 3:7 – 9** (ESV)

Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory.

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■ **2Corinthians 3:18**

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.



“He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished”

But the Lord was pleased To crush Him,
putting Him to grief; If He would render
Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His
offspring, He will prolong His days, And the
good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His
hand.

2) God must punish guilt, so we need a Savior

As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities. . . . Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.

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whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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