

Exodus

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God's indispensable presence 33:12-23

- God's chilling revelation to the people that their sin and "stiff-necked" stance toward Him had distanced them from God prompted Moses to intercede for God's presence to be with him and with His people.
- Moses' prayer reveals the deep conviction that the presence of God with him and the nation of Israel was indispensable.
 - Moses has found favor in God's sight. (Shows the power of an intercessor with a passion for the things of God.)
 - God promises His presence and His rest. (See Matthew 11:28-30)
- Moses plead for an even greater intimacy with God than He had experienced

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God reveals more of His glory to Moses

33:17-34:9

- Desire to know God more fully coupled with obedience brings a greater revelation of God.
- God's full glory is greater than any human can receive.
- God describes what He will do and we have the account of it after Moses ascends back to the mountain.
- Even as an obedient follower of God, Moses was dependent on God's grace and mercy to grant his request.

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- Summons to come back up the mountain
 - Moses was to cut two tablets to replace the broken ones
 - God will write the same thing He wrote on the first ones.
 - Moses was to come up to the mountain alone. (Previously, Joshua had been on the mountain with Moses.)
- God's revelation of Himself to Moses
 - When God proclaimed His Name, Yahweh, this would have brought Moses back to the encounter with God at the burning bush. This was both an assurance and confirmation of Moses' call by God and an emphasis on how much better Moses knew God from the time of that meeting.

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- God's revelation of Himself to Moses
 - God now proclaims what Moses has observed in God's dealing with the people in light of their rebellion.
 - Merciful and gracious
 - Slow to anger
 - Abounding in steadfastness and faithfulness
 - Forgiving
 - Just (See Ezekiel 18)

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- God's revelation of Himself to Moses
 - Moses' response
 - Immediately bowed down in worship
 - In the context of worship confessed dependence on God's presence by requesting that He be with His people, pardon their sin and receive them as his special inheritance.

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The Renewal of the Covenant which had been broken by the people. 34:10-28

- God will work wonders among His people as a witness to the watching world.
- Command concerning the people inhabiting the promised land.
 - Make no covenant with the people God is driving from the land.
 - The idols they serve are to be utterly destroyed to avoid the temptation to be lured into the worship of false gods.
 - You shall worship no other God's remembering the Yahweh is a Jealous God.
 - Do not make any idols of cast metal.

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- Command concerning the people inhabiting the promised land.
 - Observe the practices that make you a distinct nation.
 - Keep the Feast of Unleaven Bread (this includes the Passover).
 - Redeem the firstborn
 - Keep the Sabbath day
 - Observe the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)

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 - Observe the Feast of Ingathering (Tabernacles)
 - All males were to appear each year at these three Feasts. God will protect their land and property while they are absent.
 - Practices of sacrifices, offerings and feasts are clearly prescribed.

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The Renewal of the Covenant which had been broken by the people. 34:10-28

- Moses was on the mountain with God for another 40 days and 40 nights.
- Neither ate nor drank
- God wrote on the tablets and gave them to Moses (Compare Deuteronomy 10:4)

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Moses' return from God's presence 34:29-35

- The face of Moses was shining from being in the presence of God so that the people were afraid to come near him.
- Moses called the people to him to relate what God had commanded.
- Moses put a veil over his face.

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The significance of the shining face of Moses

The New American Commentary: An Exegetical and Theological Exposition of Holy Scripture: Exodus Vol.2 by Douglas Stuart, pp. 735,736

1. It confirmed—even reestablished—his leadership role as intermediary with God on behalf of the people.
2. It confirmed Yahweh's presence.
3. It confirmed Yahweh's greatness
4. A reminder that close communion with God will be evident to those around us.
5. 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 contrasts the fading glory of the face of Moses to the lasting glory of those who are a part of the New Covenant through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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