

Moses & the Glory of God - Exodus 33 **Notes, Family Worship, Bible Reading**

Notes from the Sermon

Have you ever been in the car with your parents and they threaten to "turn this car around and go right back home?" I know as a kid I never acted bad enough for that to happen (yeah, right), but how about you? Have you ever made your parents regret bringing you along on their road trip?

In our series "The Serpent Must Die", we come to this type of story of the Bible where God becomes fed up with His people. They complain and complain, and then they create and worship a Golden Bull instead of their God. They make an idol out of gold and bow down to it. Their God is not made of the stuff of this world, he made the stuff that makes up this world! So, God tells Moses in Exodus 33, "You can take these people to the Promised Land I provided for you, but I'm not going with you." Essentially, God said, "Get out of my car."

Moses, however, intervenes on behalf of God's people, and God agrees to go. Moses even says to them, "How can we be a peculiar people unless you go with us?" And he's right - without their God and His glory, they are nothing. They are just another wandering group of vagrants in the world. The only thing that makes them special is their God. Even the people with all their problems know that without God going with them, they are lost.

But Moses isn't just satisfied with God going with them - He wants to see God's glory. He wants to see all of God. And God, knowing that it would kill Moses to see His face, agrees to allow Moses to see just the back of God as he passes by. Even that was enough to make Moses' face shine so brightly that the people of God were afraid of him.

The Serpent would have you forget how Holy and unapproachable our God is. He isn't to be played around with. Our God isn't to be our Sunday hobby that we put down all other 6 days. He is our Holy, Righteous, Brilliant God and is worthy of our adoration and reverence. Further, our greatest joy in life should be to seek His face, His glory, and to know God fully and deeply.

Our problem is, God's so Holy we can't live with Him (we'd melt and be evaporated in His presence because of our sin) and we can't live without Him. So, how does God fix this (because we for sure cannot)? He sends Jesus, who is the full glory of God revealed in human flesh. If we have seen Jesus, we have seen the fully glory of God the Father (John 1:14) God accomplishes and bridges the gap between us and Him by sending Jesus, and in beholding Him, we get what Moses never could have - a full view of the face of God in Jesus, and His glory revealed to us in Him.

The Serpent of old would have you forget and ignore God's glory and seek your own and find your own happiness apart from Him; Jesus came to crush the head of the serpent by giving you access to the very Throne of God, where you can approach God boldly and directly. God's glory is yours for the finding and enjoyment - Don't let the Serpent rob you of the pleasure of God's glory in your life! It is offered freely through Jesus, who is the Glory of God revealed!

Bible Reading for the Week

Daily Bible Readings

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2 Kings 15	2 Kings 16	2 Kings 17	2 Kings 18	2 Kings 19	2 Kings 20	2 Kings 21

Reading from this past week's sermon: Genesis 22

Reading in preparation for this coming Sunday: Exodus 17

Family Worship

Song - *Praise*

<https://youtu.be/raFnjGVkHe8?si=TnEaVPUshov70PRv>

Gospel Project

Unit: Jesus the Healer

Story: Healings in Galilee

Big Picture Question: Why Did Jesus perform miracles?

Answer: Jesus performed miracles to glorify God, to show He is the Son of God, and to care for people.

Scripture: Luke 4-5

New City Catechism

Question 25: Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

Answer: Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God will remember our sins no more.

Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:21

Exodus 33

- Do you find yourself content in knowing God, or do you wish you know more of Him than you do today? Why is being content with just knowing a "little bit of God" dangerous?
- In Numbers 6:24-27, God gives Aaron a blessing to pray over the people of God: "May His face shine upon you." Why would we want God's glory and face to shine on us? What does that mean or indicate?
- Where do you go to find your most happiness and most joy? Why should God be the source of our highest joy and happiness? What are some ways we can help increase our joy and happiness in our God?

Prayer

*Pray that God would cause His face to shine on us and show us His glory made known in His Son Jesus.

*Pray for the Hunter's Green Neighborhood in Eureka