

Show Me Your Glory

Lessons from the Life of Moses

Lesson 13

Exodus 34

Day One: “Take Us as Your Inheritance”

God agreed to reveal His glory to Moses, but with certain limitations. The Lord placed Moses in the cleft of the rock to cover him and then passed by, proclaiming who He was in language that Moses would understand. Soon afterward He renewed the terms of the covenant with the nation of Israel.

Read Exodus 34. Today we will focus on verses 1–9.

1. Lay out the specific instructions the Lord gave to Moses in verses 1–3.

Moses cut two tablets like the first ones, rose up early and ascended Mt. Sinai to meet with God. As He passed by, God provided something of a description of Himself (in response to Moses plea to “*show me Your way*” in Exodus 33:13).

2. Using your dictionary or concordance, look up the definition for the following attributes of God’s character mentioned in verse 6:
 - a. *God is merciful* –
 - b. *God is gracious* –
 - c. *God is longsuffering* –
 - d. *God is abounding in goodness* –
 - e. . . . *and truth* –

Following these attributes, God emphasizes one of the most important aspects of His goodness—the *forgiveness of sins*.

3. Look up the definitions for the three different words God uses for sin . . .
 - a. *iniquity* –

 - b. *transgression* –

 - c. *sin* –

God’s mercy is greater than anyone’s sin; but so as not to minimize sin or its consequences, the fact is added that He will not *clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon their children to the third and fourth generation* (v. 7). This is a hard saying, but it reveals the fact that the aftermath of sin can have far reaching effects!

4. After hearing these words from God, what does Moses do? v. 8
 - a. What does Moses pray? v. 9

Selah . . .

As you come to know and understand the character of God the way Moses did, you will be more inclined to acknowledge your sin and less likely to excuse it. Moses believed that all he needed was God’s presence. Can you say the same? Please comment.

- ❖ What aspect of God’s character causes you to worship Him today?

Heartbeat . . . (Memory verse) “*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 by the Spirit of the Lord.*” 2 Corinthians 3:18

Day Two:

The Covenant is Renewed

Read Exodus 34:10–28.

God said to Moses: “*Behold, I make a covenant*” (v. 10). The statement did not imply that God was instituting a second covenant; rather it was a renewing of the covenant already established. God forgave His people, but reinstated the requirement of their obedience to His commands.

1. For His part, what did God promise He would do? vv. 10–11

2. Summarize the warnings given in the following verses:
 - a. vv. 12–13

 - b. vv. 14–16

 - c. Which of the Ten Commandments is reiterated in verse 17: Why did the people need this reminder? (See Exodus 32 for help.)

3. Recall the three feasts to be celebrated annually? vv. 22–23
 - a. What did God promise to do as the people celebrated in His presence? v. 24

God reinforced the original terms of the covenant. The Israelites were to prove their faithfulness to God by eliminating every trace of a foreign god and to refrain from making any of their own. As they kept the terms of the covenant, God would act on their behalf and drive out their enemies before them! God told Moses to write down all the words of the covenant between Him and Israel (v. 27).

4. What did God write down for Moses? How long did Moses remain on the mountain? v. 28
 - a. What insight do you gain from Matthew 4:1–4 about the sustaining power of God’s Word?

 - b. How can you relate the sustaining power of His Word to your life today?

- d. Personal: How do you feel when you see the glory of God at work in *your* life?
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- 3. ***The glory of Moses was veiled*** (vv. 33–35).
 - a. When were the occasions that Moses removed the veil from his face?

 - b. Have *you* ever attempted to “veil” the glory of God in your sharing with others? For what reason? Please share an example.

Review this week’s memory verse.

Day Four:

Unveiled Glory

We’ve looked at the veiled glory of Moses that reflected on his face; that made the people afraid; and that was veiled from those around him. Today we’ll take a look at the incomparable glory that does not fade away—the glory of Christ that radiates from within His people; that is not to be feared; and that is unveiled before the world.

God had given His people the law to convince them of their need for Him, but they turned their hearts away from Him. Their rebelliousness veiled their hearts from the truth that was pointing toward Jesus Christ, the Messiah. When Christ did come, the law was fulfilled; and when an individual receives Christ as Lord, the veil is lifted from their heart.

- 1. ***The glory of Christ emanates from the inside.***

Unlike the glory of Moses that was merely reflected, the glory of Christ is revealed from within. The Apostle John said it best in John 1:14, “. . .*We beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*”

 - a. Though clothed in humanity, the glory of God was visible in the life of Jesus. It is also visible in every child of God. What is the hope of every Christian?
1 John 3:2

 - b. Personal: Have *you* ever given thought to the fact that you have His glory radiating out from your life? Do you realize that you are in the process of becoming *like Jesus*? Please share your thoughts.

2. ***The glory of Christ is not to be feared.***
Jesus Christ came to provide a way for you—a sinner—to be saved; to be free from fear of God’s judgment.

a. According to 2 Corinthians 4:6, how did you come to the understanding of who Jesus is? (See Hebrews 1:1–3 for additional insight.)

b. What can you now boldly do as a result? Hebrews 10:19–22

c. What word of encouragement is there for you in Romans 8:18?

3. ***The glory of Christ is unveiled.***

The glory of Moses was temporary; he wore a veil to prevent people from seeing the glory fade away. The glory of Christ is permanent—it can never fade away!

a. According to 2 Corinthians 3:12–18, what happens to those who turn to the Lord?

b. From this same passage, explain the inward process that is taking place.

c. How can this unveiling make a difference to those around you?

Whenever a believer sees the glory of God in the Word of God, he or she is transformed by the Spirit of God into the image of God! Will you thank Him today for this transforming glory in your life?

Review this week’s memory verse.

Day Five:

Praying with Purpose

Selah . . . Be still and consider how to *work out* in your daily life what God has *worked into* your heart through your study of His Word. Then pray each aspect through.

❖ **A Point Pondered:** Is there an example from the lesson or a truth from Scripture that has taken on a new meaning this week? Please note it below.

❖ **A Path Pursued:** Knowledge must be applied in order to make a difference. Name one thing you can act upon in obedience to the Holy Spirit's leading.

❖ **A Promise Possessed:** If God has spoken a particular verse or word of hope to your heart, write it down and pray it back to Him.

❖ **A Praise Proclaimed:** God loves to hear you praise Him! What aspect of God's character particularly blessed you this week? Will you praise Him today?

❖ **A Prayer Presented:** Write out the most pressing request on your heart and lift it to the Lord.

Other requests:

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