

## Exodus 33 & 34

EXODUS 33.<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Depart; go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, ‘To your offspring I will give it.’<sup>2</sup>I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.<sup>3</sup>Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people.”

<sup>4</sup>When the people heard this disastrous word, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments.<sup>5</sup>For the LORD had said to Moses, “Say to the people of Israel, ‘You are a stiff-necked people; if for a single moment I should go up among you, I would consume you. So now take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do with you.’”<sup>6</sup>Therefore the people of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments, from Mount Horeb onward.

<sup>7</sup>Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp.<sup>8</sup>Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise up, and each would stand at his tent door, and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent.<sup>9</sup>When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses.<sup>10</sup>And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door.<sup>11</sup>Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

<sup>12</sup>Moses said to the LORD, “See, you say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’<sup>13</sup>Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.”<sup>14</sup>And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”<sup>15</sup>And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here.<sup>16</sup>For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I

and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?”

<sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” <sup>18</sup>Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” <sup>19</sup>And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup>But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” <sup>21</sup>And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup>and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup>Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

EXODUS 34. <sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. <sup>2</sup>Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. <sup>3</sup>No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain.” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. <sup>5</sup>The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup>keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.” <sup>8</sup>And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. <sup>9</sup>And he said, “If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.”

<sup>10</sup>And he said, “Behold, I am making a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels, such as have not been created in all the earth or in any nation. And all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD, for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.

<sup>11</sup>“Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I will drive out before you the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>12</sup>Take care, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land to which you go, lest it become a snare in your midst. <sup>13</sup>You shall tear down their altars and break their pillars and cut down their Asherim <sup>14</sup>(for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God), <sup>15</sup>lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and when they whore after their gods and sacrifice to their gods and you are invited, you eat of his sacrifice, <sup>16</sup>and you take of their daughters for your sons, and their daughters whore after their gods and make your sons whore after their gods....

<sup>29</sup>When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

<sup>34</sup>Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, <sup>35</sup>the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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## 1. Leaders – *Wouldn't things be easier without all those Chumps?*



And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you."  
Exodus 32.9,10

God > MOSES an OPPORTUNITY Many Pastors would Cut Off their Arm For

Moses - GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY - All the people will DIE

"I will Make YOU into a GREAT NATION"

Israel - DESTROYED // Moses - GREAT NATION

Treatment of Moses by Israel

"As for this fellow Moses, we don't know what has happened to him"  
Exodus 32.1

"the people grumbled against Moses, saying 'What are we to drink?'"  
Exodus 15.24

"some of them paid no attention to Moses"  
Exodus 16.20

"they quarreled with Moses...they grumbled against Moses... Then Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What am I supposed to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.'" Exodus 17.2,3

"All the Israelites grumbled against Moses" Numbers 14.2

LEADER – Church, Teacher, Mom, Office > Long for Opportunity for Revenge?

Pastor to me - no matter how frustrated - Church Bride of Jesus

Moses could not do the work alone//Worked with Elders and Leaders

Moses – Like Jesus - Love his "enemies" even From his CROSS

But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.  
Exodus 32.11-14

Prays for Persecutors > ISRAELITES WERE GOD'S PEOPLE - "your people"

## 2. Church – *Isn't it enough that God be "over there somewhere"?*



vs. 2,3 I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people.”

ABORTS the Plan of God > No Tabernacle, No Presence of God

the mercy seat that is above the testimony, where I will meet with you.

Exodus 30.6

if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Exodus 19.5,6

A GOD you VISIT Sometimes in Church – like going to SEE Grandparents

A God you IGNORE Most of the Time – Unless you are SAD or SICK

A God you SAY you Believe in but REALLY Know very Little ABOUT

He NEVER talks to You > Word / You NEVER talk to Him > PRAYER

Moses says if you are going to ABORT building God's Tent

I will meet him in ANOTHER Tent

v. 7 Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp.

> Actually it was JOSHUA'S Tent

v. 11 Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

HEARTS of People was Stricken – Not kind of Relationship w/ God we Want

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### 3. Believer – *Is that thing on your head really hot?*



PREACHERS in Uganda used to Tell Stories about ROOSTER

Rooster very PROUD of his \_\_\_\_\_ - Other Animals ENVIED

Asked “Is that thing REALLY HOT?” Oh, yes Rooster Boasted, Very HOT!

One day CAT got Ahold of him and Discovered that thing was COLD!

Rooster was SHAMED – Acted Like He was HOT – But STONE COLD!

HOT ZONE – Some of the MOST PASSIONATE Scenes in BIBLE

White Hot ZEAL of a Man who LOVES THE LORD HIS GOD

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know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?”

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Moses was SO HOT he had to put VEIL Over Face to Not Blind Neighbors...

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of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Light of Moses like holding a MATCH before the BLAZING SUN

No Purpose for a VEIL – Face to Face Fellowship with the LIVING GOD

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 what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory...when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3.7-18