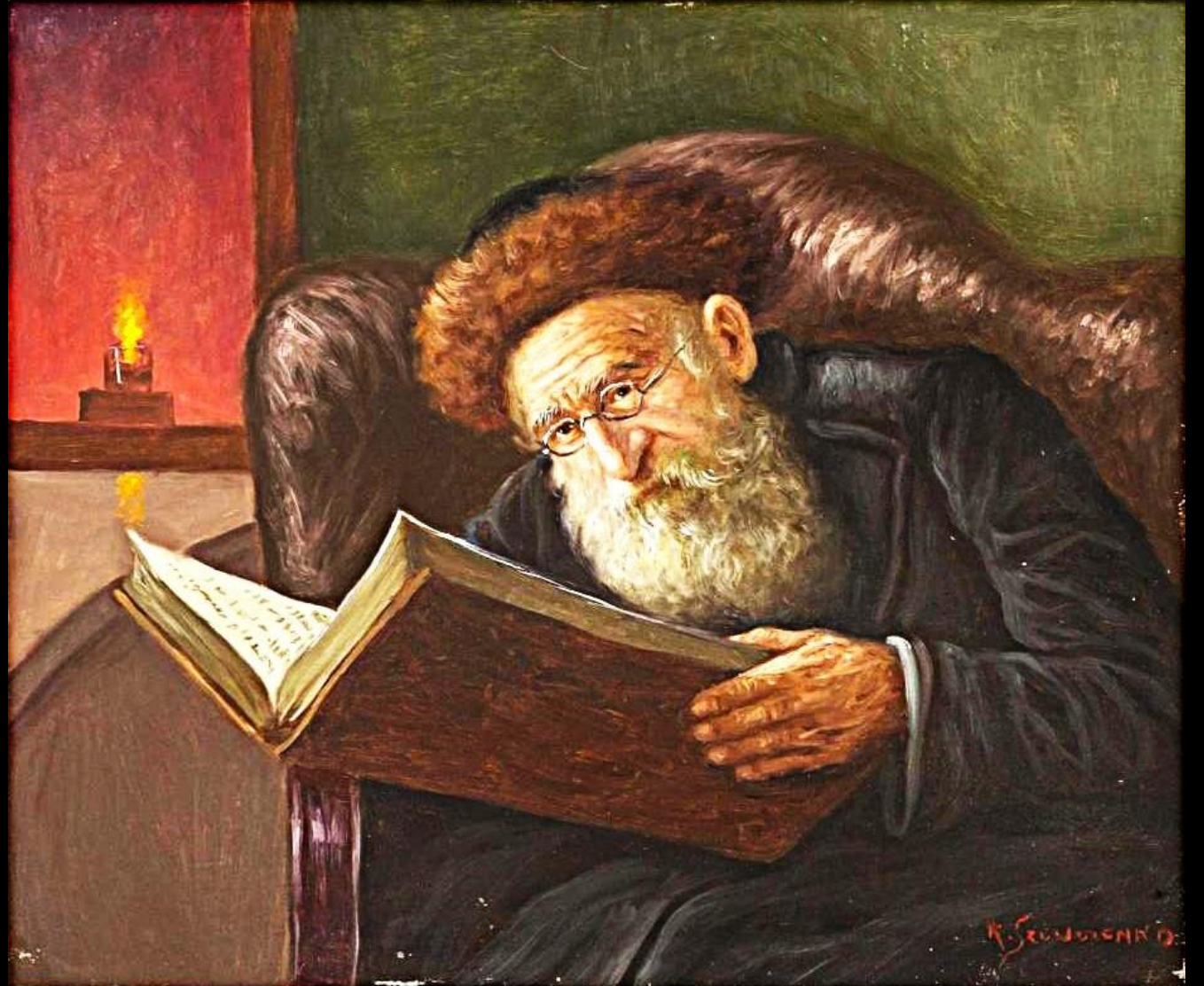


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The LORD and Moses Exodus 33 – 34

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- Psalm 119:29-32 (NKJV)

29 Remove from me the way of lying,

And grant me Your law graciously.

30 I have chosen the way of truth;

Your judgments I have laid [before me].

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- Psalm 119:29-32 (NKJV)

31 I cling to Your testimonies;

O LORD, do not put me to shame!

32 I will run the course of Your commandments,

For You shall enlarge my heart.

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Previously in Exodus:

- While Moses was on the mountain, the people convinced Aaron to make them an idol.
- He made them a golden calf which they began to worship with a lengthy wild party.
- When Moses returned, he destroyed the calf and severely reprimanded both Aaron and the people.

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What to expect in Exodus 33 – 34:

- God is preparing the people for leaving Sinai.
- Moses spends another forty days up on the mountain.
- Here we get a brief overview of God's renewal of the covenant with Israel.
- Moses comes down with new tablets. This time they are ones that he made himself.

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- I. Time to Leave Sinai
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I. Time to Leave Sinai

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- This is the first indication that God is calling the people to leave the area of Mt. Sinai.
- Their destination will be the promised land of Canaan – where Abraham and the patriarchs lived.
- Yet God is planning to keep a little bit of distance.

I. Time to Leave Sinai

33:1-6

- 33:6 This removal of ornaments looks like a genuine step toward repentance.
- Real revival usually starts this way – with repentance.
- Peter makes this point in his speech in the temple courts in Acts 3.

I. Time to Leave Sinai

33:1-6

- Acts 3:19-20a

19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

II. The Tent of Meeting

33:7-11

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- At this point, it seems Moses is using his own tent as a place to meet with God.
- The tabernacle still needs to be built.
- And the people would each worship at their own tent doorways whenever Moses met with God.

II. The Tent of Meeting

33:7-11

- 33:11 The term “face to face” needs to be taken at least a little bit figuratively.
- In the next section, Moses still desires an even more direct vision of the presence—the glory—of God.

II. The Tent of Meeting

33:7-11

- 33:11 I wonder though, if Jesus didn't appear to Moses privately in His preincarnate form.
- It does say the LORD would speak to him “face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.”

III. Moses Intercedes

33:12-23

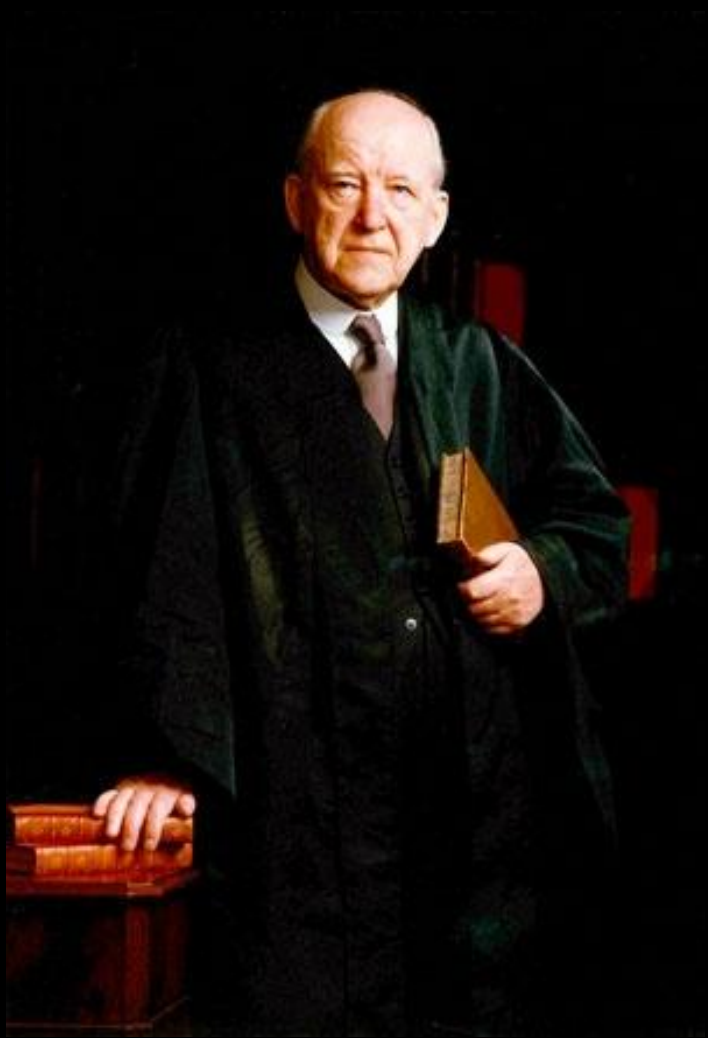
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- 33:15-16 Moses understood the value of God's presence with His people.
- And he understood the tragedy it would be if God was not to go with them.

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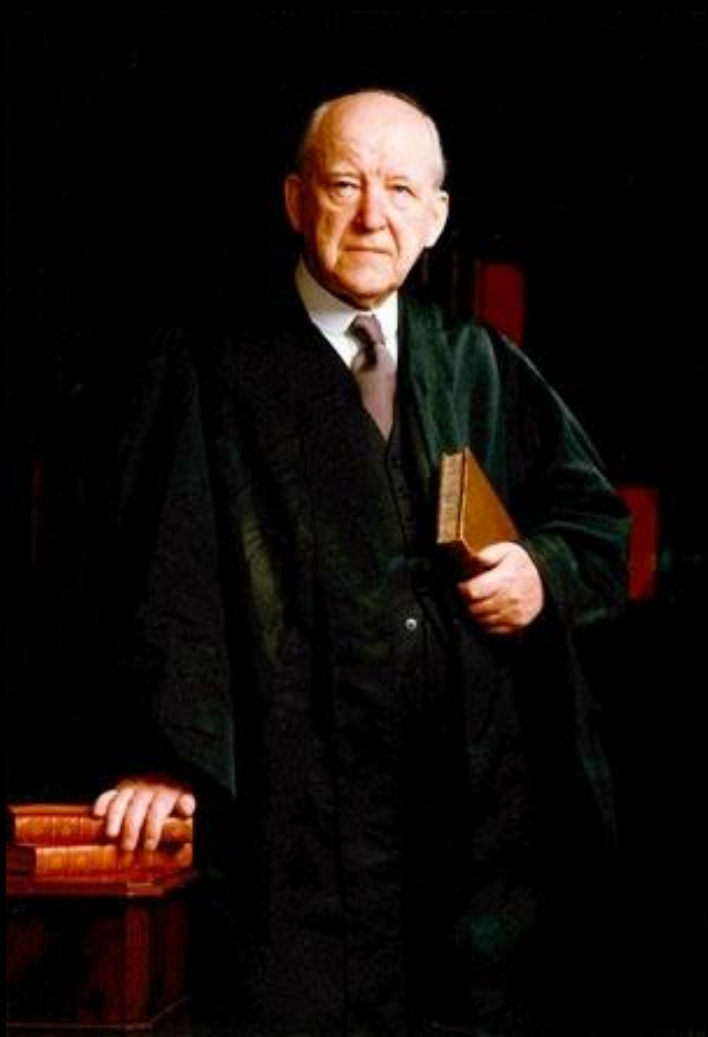


To be given every other blessing is of no value if God is not with you. What is the value of Canaan? What is the value of milk and honey? What is the value of having possessions, if God was not with them? ...

*– David Martyn Lloyd-Jones
(1899 – 1981), Welsh Minister
and Medical Doctor*

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... [Moses] saw that the realization of the presence of God, having this fellowship and company, was infinitely more important than everything else.

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- And this is precisely what Jesus promises us.
- **Matthew 28:20b**

And behold, I am with you always,
to the end of the age.

III. Moses Intercedes

33:12-23

- 33:18 Moses desired with all his heart to see God in all His glory – but God denied him.
- He showed him only a partial vision – a sort of afterglow of the glory of God.
- Even in the tabernacle I do not believe that Moses saw God in His truest most faithful form.

III. Moses Intercedes

33:12-23

- And yet the Bible assures us that we shall see Him face to face in that coming Day.
- David believed it and expressed it in a prayer.

III. Moses Intercedes

33:12-23

- Psalm 17:15

As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your
likeness.

III. Moses Intercedes

33:12-23

- John believed it too and he expressed it in both his first letter and in **Revelation**.

III. Moses Intercedes

33:12-23

- 1 John 3:2

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

III. Moses Intercedes

33:12-23

- Revelation 22:3-5

3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

IV. Moses' New Tablets

34:1-9

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- **34:1** Moses is instructed to make these tablets so God can rewrite the Ten Commandments on them.
- It seems that the first set of tablets were completely of divine origin.
- These second tablets required some human involvement.
- Perhaps to remind Moses of the broken tablets and the covenant – broken with the golden calf.

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- 34:2 Moses now goes back up the mountain for another forty days.
- 34:6-7 Here we see the character of God.
- More on this later – but we should keep in mind the nature of the God that we serve.

IV. Moses' New Tablets

34:1-9



Children and grandchildren are not condemned for the sins of their ancestors, but they may suffer because of those sins.

*– Warren Wiersbe (1929 – 2019),
pastor and Bible teacher*

IV. Moses' New Tablets

34:1-9

- Ezekiel 18:1-4

1 The word of the LORD came to me: 2 "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? 3 As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. 4 Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die."

V. Renewal of the Covenant

34:10-28

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34:10-28

- God's covenant with His people had barely gone into effect when the people broke it by worshiping an idol.
- In this whole section God is giving them a quick overview of what He expects of His people.
- This is one reason why we need to meet together weekly – and take communion regularly.

VI. Moses' Shining Face

34:29-35

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- From this passage, we might think that Moses put the veil on his face so the Israelites would not be afraid.
- Paul, in 2 Corinthians, looks at it from a somewhat different angle.

VI. Moses' Shining Face

34:29-35

- 2 Corinthians 3:12-13

12 Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, 13 not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

VI. Moses' Shining Face

34:29-35

- The Old Covenant was a fading covenant.
- Moses shining face – which tended to fade – reminds us of this fact.
- The New Covenant that we partake in, is an everlasting covenant.
- It will never fade; it will never diminish; it will never end.

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- Let's read again that passage we read earlier.
- It is **Exodus 34:6-7**.

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The Character of God

- Numbers 14:18

The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.

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- 2 Chronicles 30:9

For if you return to the LORD, your brothers and your children will find compassion with their captors and return to this land. For the LORD your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him.

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- **Nehemiah 9:17** in the Levites' prayer,
“They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them, but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them.”

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- Jonah 4:2

And [Jonah] prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.

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God's Enduring Faithfulness

- Deuteronomy 7:9
- Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

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God's Enduring Faithfulness

- Psalm 105:7-8

7 He is the LORD our God;

his judgments are in all the earth.

8 He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,

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Renewing the Covenant

- This is one reason why we meet weekly.
- It is one reason why we take communion together regularly.
- The New Covenant is everlasting, but our wandering hearts require constant renewal.
- As with the Israelites, God is the initiator; we respond.

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A Sample Prayer

- *Dear Lord Jesus,*
- *You said that you shed Your blood to initiate a new covenant with people like me who would trust in You.*
- *I know that I am a sinner, and I need Your forgiveness.*
- *I believe that You died for my sins when You died on the cross.*

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A Sample Prayer

- *I believe You rose from the dead.*
- *I want to turn away from my sins and follow You.*
- *I invite You to come into my life.*
- *I trust You as My Savior and worship You as my Lord.*

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- *Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit and help me to be your disciple.*
- *Thank You Lord, for hearing my prayer.*
- *Amen.*

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