

“EXODUS: A GLIMPSE OF GOD – GOD REVEALS HIMSELF”

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1. GOD REVEALS HIMSELF ON HIS TERMS.

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.’ ²I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ³Go 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.” (Exodus 33:1-3)

2. THROUGH HIS TERMS GOD IS TEACHING HIS PEOPLE TO TURN TO HIM ONLY.

“So now take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do with you.” ⁶Therefore the people of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments, from Mount Horeb onward. (Exodus 33:5b-6)

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. ¹¹Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. (Exodus 33:10-11)

3. MOSES PRAYS FOR THE PEOPLE AND HIMSELF.

“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.” (Exodus 33:13)

Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” ¹⁹And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The Lord.’” (Exodus 33:18-19a)

4. GOD’S TERMS ARE LOVING.

“And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.” But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” ²¹And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²²and 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. ²³Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.” (Exodus 33:19b-23)

5. WHAT DOES GOD’S GLORY LOOK LIKE?

A. TABERNACLE

For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout their journeys. (Exodus 40:38)

B. JESUS

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given

him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.” (John 17:1-5)

C. THAT HIS CHURCH BELIEVES AND LIVES A LIFE WORTHY OF THE ONE WHO HAS CALLED.

MEMORY VERSE

Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”
(John 6:29)

We exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.
(1 Thessalonians 2:12)

GOING DEEPER

1. I know it's early for Christmas, but read Luke 2:1-20 this week. Read it alone, and I also encourage you to read it with someone else. Reflect on how God's glory came into the world through Jesus. What does it mean to you to have God dwell among you?
2. Read Matthew 28:18-20 this week alone and with someone else. Jesus not only came into the world, but He promises to remain with us. What comfort does that bring? What confidence does that bring to you? What will you do today to acknowledge His glory within you?