

“The Heart Behind the Gospel”

Exodus 34:1-9

In Acts 11:1-18, Peter recounts the story of the first gentile believers.

The passage concludes with Acts 11:18:

When they heard these things they fell silent.

And they glorified God, saying,

“Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Praise God for his mercy! Even repentance is a gift from God!

Luke 6:36 says, ***“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”***

Is there anyone the Lord would have you show mercy to?

Too often the idea in our minds of who God is is the product of many different things including the truth, lies, and both good and bad experiences.

Was there anything you heard from Exodus 34:6-7 that reshaped your idea of who God is?

The ultimate good of the gospel is seeing and savoring the beauty and value of God. God’s wrath and our sin obstruct that vision and that pleasure. You can’t see and savor God as supremely satisfying while you are full of rebellion against him and he is full of wrath against you. The removal of this wrath and this rebellion is what the gospel is for. The ultimate aim of the gospel is the display of God’s glory and the removal of every obstacle to our seeing it and savoring it as our highest treasure. “Behold your God!” is the most gracious command and best gift of the gospel. - John Piper from the book God is the Gospel