

# Exodus 34

Attributes

## I. Name of the Lord: Grace and Truth

1 And the Lord said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I will write on these tablets the words that were on the first tablets **which you broke.**"

- **Moses still at the base Mount Sinai**

1. Cut a second set of Tablets
2. God cut the first. Moses will cut the second
3. God will write with His finger as He did on the ones "Moses broke"

**As the people broke the law... the Tablets of the law were broken by Moses**

- God asked them if they would accept this agreement; Keep the Law and be blessed
- People said yes before/after they understood conditions; Keep the Law... be blessed

### THE LAW

**Law on Tablets of Stone:** Hard and Cold, Unchangeable, Unforgiving...

Acts 15:10	The law is an unbearable yoke even the OT saints were not able to bear
Romans 3:20	The law reveals sin but has no power over it
Romans 4:14	If the law saved there would be no need for a New Covenant
Romans 4:15	The law brings wrath
Romans 5:20	The purpose of the law was to increase awareness of sin
Romans 6:14	Christians are not under the law
Romans 7:1-6	Christians have been delivered from the law
Romans 7:7-12	The law is good, perfect, holy ...but cannot help make us good, perfect or holy.
Romans 7:10	The law promises life to those who keep it but only brings death because we cant
Romans 7:13	The law helps us to understand that we are exceedingly sinful
Romans 8:2-3	The law is weak
1 Cor. 15:56	Sin gets its strength from the law
2 Cor. 3:7	The law is a ministry of death
2 Cor. 3:9	The law is a ministry of condemnation
2 Cor. 3:10	The law has no glory in comparison to the New Covenant of Grace.
2 Cor. 3:11	The law is fading away
2 Cor. 3:14-15	Preaching the Law as a means to Salvation is like a veil over the heart...

**2 Corinthians 3:14** ... until this day the same veil remains un-lifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil **is taken away in Christ.** 15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. 16

Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

- **Law on Tablets of Stone:** Hard and Cold, Unchangeable, Unforgiving...

Tables of stone are hard, and men consider obedience to God's law to be a hard thing: the commands are judged to be stony while the heart is stony, and men harden themselves because *the way of the precept* is hard to their evil minds. [Spurgeon]

Galatians 2:16 No one is or ever will be justified by the Law

Galatians 2:19 Christians are dead to the law

Galatians 2:21 If righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain

Galatians 3:1 Going back to the law after embracing faith is "foolish" and falling from grace

**Galatians 3:10** As many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

Galatians 3:11-12 The law has nothing to do with faith.

Galatians 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us

Galatians 3:21 If there had been a law given which could have given life, righteousness would have been by law

Galatians 3:23 The law was our prison until we were freed by Jesus

Galatians 4:24 The law enslaves us

Ephesians 2:15 [Jesus] abolished in His flesh the enmity; i.e., the law of commandments contained in ordinances

Philippians 3:4-8 Paul considered everything gained trying to keep the law as "skybalon"

1 Timothy 1:8 The law must be used only for its purpose; i.e. to expose sin

1 Timothy 1:9-10 It was made for the unrighteous but not for the righteous. Offensive for saved to be told keep law  
*If I am loving my child w/ all my heart and someone gave me a list of rules to follow I would be offended* [Shilman]

Hebrews 7:19 The law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

Hebrews 8:7-8 God created a better covenant; one that worked for sinful man. One sided. Grace

**Hebrews 8:13** [When God says...] "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

**Hebrews 10:1** For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.

**Old Covenant of the Law was temporary i.e. from Moses till John the Baptist announced Christ**

**Romans 5:20** [Read]...the law entered [came] that the offense **might abound**. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, 21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Law given that the sin would be **clearly seen; abound**
- The more sin...the more the grace/forgiveness poured out by God
- Thus the more God receives glory...

**Greater the sin forgiven the greater the Glory to God...**

**Romans 6:1** [Read] What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

**...let's all go out and murder and commit adultery?**

**2...** Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? **3** Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? **4** Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death [Stay]

Won't preaching Grace encourage people to sin

- **Why Grace Changes Everything:** Chapter 10 **"Wont they Go Wild?"** Chuck Smith
  1. Sinful woman sneaks up behind Jesus
  2. Crying she wipes her tears from Jesus feet
  3. Anointing His feet with perfume as the self-righteous "law keepers" sneer

**Luke 7:39** Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner."

**Simon...I have something to say to you....**

**47** ...her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."

1. Shall we sin? Certainly not!
2. Our sin died with Jesus on the cross
3. Our new life began when Jesus resurrected

**4b...**that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in **newness of life.**

- **Those who are truly born again; saved by Grace**
  1. Walk in newness of life
  2. Have Holy Spirit's power over sin motivated by love for Jesus

**Romans 6:14** [Read] For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. **15** What then? **Shall we sin** because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

Shall we sin? Wrong question. **Do you know Him?**

**16** Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? **17** But **God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin**, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered [grace]. **18** And having been **set free from sin**, you became slaves of righteousness.

- **Are you set free from sin?**
  1. Do you love Jesus?

2. Are you born-again?
3. Is the Law written on your heart?
4. Is sin ugly as sin to you?
5. Are you forgiving

**Matthew 18:34** [The] his master was angry [at the one who did not forgive], and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. 35 "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

1. Do you seek to please the Lord?
2. Are you filled with God's Holy Spirit to keep you from sin?

### **Grace can do all that the law cannot The Very Good News...**

**Things required by the law are bestowed by the gospel.** God demands obedience under the law: God works obedience under the gospel. Holiness is asked from us by the law: holiness is created in us by the gospel... [Spurgeon]

- God's Law is Good but it cannot save

**Psalms 19:7** [Read] The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul...

- **Convert:** heb. *shûv* To turn back or to return. Cause repentance
- **Conversion begins with the Law:**
  1. Awareness of sin because we are all law breakers
  2. Awareness we cannot keep the law
  3. Turning from sin and to Jesus. Law as a schoolmaster leading us to Christ

[continued] The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; 8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And **in keeping them there is great reward.**

- Conversion begins with the Law

**Romans 2:4** ...do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the **goodness of God leads you to repentance?**

- We cannot receive God's kindness without knowing our sinfulness
- Repentance then refreshing:

**Acts 3:19** Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...

- **In keeping the law there is great reward:** Fruits of righteousness

We can't keep the law by trying harder. We won't keep the law by trying harder.  
We keep the law by drawing closer

- **New Covenant:** Law written on our hearts

**Hebrews 10:16** [Jeremiah 31] "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will **put My laws into their hearts**, and in their minds I will write them,"<sup>17</sup> then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."<sup>18</sup> Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.

- **Old Covenant obsolete:** Out sin nailed to a Tree

**Colossians 2:13** And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **He has made alive** together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, <sup>14</sup> having **wiped out the handwriting of requirements** that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, **having nailed it to the cross**. <sup>15</sup> Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Offenses of criminals were nailed to cross as the debt was being paid  
Our sin was paid for in full by Jesus on a tree

- Very few understand the way of grace. The way of salvation...

**Matthew 7:13** "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

- **Why was the Law given to Israel?**

1. Societal boundaries for the new nation coming out of a pagan land
2. Keep them coming back to the Lord each year to sacrifice
3. Prove last year's sacrifice was not good enough
4. Keep them looking forward to Jesus the perfect Lamb of God

2 So be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself to Me there on the top of the mountain. 3 And no man shall come up with you, and let no man be seen throughout all the mountain; let neither flocks nor herds feed before that mountain." 4 So he cut two tablets of stone like the first ones.

- **Get up early:**

1. Bring no one else
2. Move the animals away from the base of the mountain
3. Cut the two stones before you come up

#### **Moses cuts two tablets of stone like the first ones**

**4b...**Then Moses rose early in the morning and went up Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him; and he took in his hand the two tablets of stone.<sup>5</sup> Now the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and **proclaimed the name of the Lord**.

- **Show Me your glory** [Ex. 33:18-23]

1. I will have My goodness pass before you

2. I will proclaim My Name when I pass by you
3. I will put you in the cleft of the rock when I come closer
4. I will cover you with My hand

You will see My back; Lit. back parts, backside  
**My glory you will see...but not the fullness of My glory**

▪ **God proclaims His Name:** Many names for God

1. El Shaddai	Lord God Almighty
2. El Elyon	The Most High God
3. Adonai	Lord, Master
4. Yahweh	Lord, Jehovah
5. Jehovah Nissi	The Lord My Banner
6. Jehovah-Raah	The Lord My Shepherd
7. Jehovah Rapha	The Lord That Heals
8. Jehovah Shammah	The Lord Is There
9. Jehovah Tsidkenu	The Lord Our Righteousness
10. Jehovah Mekoddishkem	The Lord Who Sanctifies You
11. El Olam	The Everlasting God
12. Elohim	God
13. Qanna	Jealous
14. Jehovah Jireh	The Lord Will Provide
15. Jehovah Shalom	The Lord Is Peace
16. Jehovah Sabaoth	The Lord of Hosts [Just in OT]

▪ **Name of the Lord:** Attributes of Godhead

6 And the Lord [YHWH] passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,

**Qualities of one God revealed in Three Persons**

▪ **Attributes** of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit

1. **Merciful:** *Not receiving judgment we do deserve:* If God gave us what we deserve we make it through morning coffee
2. **Gracious:** *Receiving blessings we don't deserve:* Lit. To stoop down in kindness freely giving Abundant life, Joy, Peace, Forgiveness, Salvation.

**God's Riches At Christ's Expense:** God gave all and we received all  
 Mercy must come before grace or there would be no one left to show grace to [NJC]

3. **Longsuffering:** God's patience to us when we mess up. Not give up on us.
4. **Abounding in Goodness:** Lit. Multiplied goodness is who He is. Absence of evil. Pure Good. To show to be kind.
5. **Abounding in Truth:** Established, assured, stable, reliable is who He is

**John 1:16** ...of [God's] fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law

was given through Moses, but **grace and truth** came through Jesus Christ.

7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

- **Keeping Mercy** for 1000's: heb. *nä·tsar'* Preserving, guarding, watching over His people
- **Forgiving rebellion/failure of man toward God**
  - a. **Iniquity:** Perversity, depravity, mischief
  - b. **Transgression:** Rebellion; crossing a known line, breaking a known law
  - c. **Sin:** From heb. *khä·tä'* Miss the goal and incur guilt

#### **Everyone human needs forgiveness**

**Romans 5:12** ... through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, **because all sinned—**

**James 2:10** ...whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

#### **Continuing the proclamation of the Name of the Lord Mercy, Grace, Longsuffering, Goodness, Truth, Preservation, Forgiveness**

6. **Yet...**Not clearing the guilty but...
7. **Visiting the iniquity** of the fathers upon the children's children to the third and fourth generation. Visiting: **Paying attention** to; not ignoring sin

#### **God is Love but God is *not only* Love God's Name includes God's Justice and God's Judgment**

- **God Proclaims His Name to audience of one:** Mercy, Grace, Longsuffering, Truth, Preservation, Forgiveness, Judgment

8 **So Moses made haste** and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped.

- After God proclaims His Name... Moses "made haste" to Worship
- **God revealed Himself to Moses:** Response is worship and reverence

#### **The more God reveals His goodness, the more we understand our sinfulness**

**Luke 5:** [Cast your net on other side] "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." ... **8** When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "**Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!**"

- **Light reveals our sin and our need**

**Romans 7:24** O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**Isaiah 6:1** [Read] In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 So I said: "**Woe is me, for I am undone!** Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts."

- Who did Isaiah see and fear? God of the Old Testament?

**John 12:36** [Read] While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things **Jesus spoke**, and departed, and was hidden from them. 37 But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, 38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" 39 Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: 40 "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them." **41 These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.**

- **Isaiah saw Jesus in OT:** Note that Revelation speaks of the "wrath of the Lamb"
- **Same God** OT and NT

**Matthew 28:16** [Read] Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the **name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**

- One Name revealed in Three Persons
- **Same God/Same Attributes OT and NT:** Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- **Same Salvation** OT and NT; i.e. **by Grace alone**

#### **Moses says the sinner's prayer**

9 Then [Moses] said, "If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray, go among us, even though we are a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance."

- **I got nothing.** The only thing I bring is sin. Like bringing kale salad to pot luck

**"Go among us even though..."**

**SUMMARY Name of the Lord:** Attributes of Godhead OT and NT

## **II. Covenant Renewed: Instructions for Victory**

10 And [God] said: "Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the Lord.

- **Covenant:** Agreement with His special people to do marvels



- All the Pagan Nations will see my dealings with you

**10b...For it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.**

- Most overused/misused word ever spoken: **Only God/His work are awesome**
- **Awesome:** heb. *yä·rā'* Terrible enough to make afraid or bring dread

11 Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I am driving out from before you the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

**Observe: Check this out...I'm going to drive out your enemies before you**

- **Mean?** People given 400 years to repent of grievous sin while Israel birthed in Egypt
- Cancer that would have spread over the earth if not contained...

**Genesis 6:5** [Before the flood] Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

- **Canaanites:** Grotesque pagan fertility practices leading to child sacrifice. Enough.

**Behold I am driving them out from before you but be careful...**

12 Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst.

- **Take heed:** Walk circumspect. Pull your head out of the sand...

**1 Peter 5:8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith...

- **Temptation:** Compromise with the enemy
  1. Don't make any agreement with those I am driving out
  2. It will be a snare/trap to you [v. 15,16]
- Make no agreement, **instead...**

13 But you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images

- **No quarter:** Leave no memory of them
  1. Destroy their pagan altars
  2. Break apart their sacred pillars
  3. Cut down their wooden images

14 (for you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God)...

## More regarding God's Name: My Name is Jealous

- God called Israel His wife: I will not share you with anyone

**Proverbs 27:4** Wrath is cruel and anger a torrent, But who is able to stand before jealousy?

**Proverbs 6:34** For jealousy is a husband's fury; Therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance. 35 He will accept no recompense, Nor will he be appeased though you give many gifts.

- **Spiritual Adultery:** Following other gods or pagan practices

### My Name is Jealous. Don't show any warmth/affection to the enemy

**2 Corinthians 9:3** [Read]...though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

- **No quarter/No mercy** to pagan practices, pagan psychology or pagan world views
  1. Pull down
  2. Cast down
  3. Capturing
  4. Ready to punish
- Thoughts, practices, friends, internet...anything might cause compromise

**Proverbs 6:27** Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned?

### Show no regard for what I have judged as evil

15 lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they play the harlot with their gods and make sacrifice to their gods, and one of them invites you and you eat of his sacrifice, 16 and you take of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters play the harlot with their gods and make your sons play the harlot with their gods.

### They begin by looking so innocent but the end will be the death of your children

"But they're so nice. They must be okay" **NOTE to self: Nice is not always truth**

- **God's would be tempted to compromise...**
  1. Make an agreement with us
  2. Check out our gods; much more freedom to do as you like
  3. Come see our worship service; dancing, eating [omit child sacrifice]
  4. Allow your children to marry ours [ones we have left]
  5. **Result:** Full blown generational idolatry almost impossible to undo

- **God's people are always being tempted to compromise.** Begins so innocently...
  1. Agree with us that religious is nice/ Reading the bible is nice
  2. Check out what we believe; it's nice; no hell, no judgment
  3. Come see, just once, our nice service at the Kingdom Hall, Mormon Temple
  4. Allow your nice children to marry our nice children
  5. **Result:** Full blown generational idolatry almost impossible to undo

**Begins by looking so innocent but ends with the spiritual death of your children**

God is teaching Israel and us to be alert. We are to teach our children to be alert.

- I can't cross the street. My daddy says that you worship false-gods

The temptation to compromise will not cease. The tempter will not give up...

**1 Peter 5:8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. **9** Resist him, steadfast in the faith...

- More instructions while moving toward Promised Land

**17** "You shall make no molded gods for yourselves.

- Idols will be "In your face". Don't compromise

**18** "The Feast of Unleavened Bread you shall keep. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, in the appointed time of the month of Abib; for in the month of Abib you came out from Egypt.

- **Feast of Unleavened Bread**

1. All leaven/yeast [sin] removed from tents
2. **Speaks of purity:** In contrast to pagan worship

**19** "All that open the womb are Mine, and every male firstborn among your livestock, whether ox or sheep. **20** But the firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you will not redeem him, then you shall break his neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem. "And none shall appear before Me empty-handed.

1. **Firstborn Son:** Pay the redemption price to the priests
2. **Firstborn Animals:** Sacrifice to cover sin

**Always remember that you are mine: Redemption; i.e. to buy back**

**1 Corinthians 6:18** Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. **19** Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? **20** For **you were bought at a price;** therefore glorify God in your

body and in your spirit, which are God's.

You are not your own: Redeemed from Sin and the Devil with Precious blood of Christ

- Set yourself apart as a nation...

21 "Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest. 22 "And you shall observe the Feast of Weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end. 23 "Three times in the year all your men shall appear before the Lord, the Lord God of Israel. 24 For I will cast out the nations before you and enlarge your borders; neither will any man covet your land when you go up to appear before the Lord your God three times in the year.

- **Observe the Sabbath**
- **Observe the Three Feasts**
  1. Passover
  2. Pentecost
  3. Feast of Tabernacles

**Do these things to separate yourselves from Pagan Nations**

25 "You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leaven, nor shall the sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover be left until morning.

- Don't mix blood of sacrifice with leaven/yeast: No sin in the sacrifice

26 "The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring to the house of the Lord your God. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk."

- **Exodus 23:19:** Cruelty?

27 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write these words, for according to the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel."

- **Covenant Renewed:** Victory in Promise Land
- **No compromise:**
  1. Do not identify with them
  2. Identify with Me: Sabbaths and Feasts and Purity toward Me

**I will drive out your enemies before you**

28 So [Moses] was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

▪ **SUMMARY:**

1. **Name of the Lord:** Grace and Truth
2. **Covenant Renewed:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tablets with Law; i.e. do this and live
3. **Instructions for Victory:** No compromise with what God says is evil

### III. Shining Face of Moses

29 Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the **skin of his face shone** while he talked with [God].

- 40 days and 40 nights on mountain with his Creator
- **No food/No water/No problem:** With God all things are possible
- **God is our sustenance...**Sustains us when we are weak

**John 3:31** [After Jesus spoke to Samaritan woman] His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." 32 But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." 33 Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?" 34 Jesus said to them, "**My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.**"

- **Jehovah-Jireh:** The LORD is my provider

**When we think we can't take one more step He sustains us/strengthens us**

- **Moses descends with 2<sup>nd</sup> set of Tablets:** Did not realize he was glowing

30 So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

#### **Radiant from time spent with the Lord**

- Skin of Moses "shone"; i.e. lit. *shot forth beams*.
- All people ran away v31

31 Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them. 32 Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

- Leaders "test the water" slowly moving closer to Moses
- Israel comes near to receives instruction...

33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.

- Moses still glowing from speaking with God
- Speaks to the people distracted by the glow

34 But [after this] whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded.

- Moses new Mode of Operation:
  1. Talk with God with veil removed
  2. Talk to people with veil covering face

**...and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded.**

35 And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

- Moses covered his face that the people would not see the glory fade

**The Glory of the Old Covenant of the Law had to fade. It did not work...**

- Moses a picture of the Law which cannot save...cannot bring into Promised Land

**Glory of Old Covenant of Law could not compare to Glory New Covenant of Grace**

**2 Corinthians 3:7** [Read] But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, 8 how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?

- **Ministry of death:** Old Covenant of keeping the Law only brought death
- **Law was glorious:** Def. *That which results in the praise of God*
  1. God's glory shown on Moses face after receiving the law
  2. So glorious the people could not help but turn away from Moses shining face
  3. Glow would dissipate; i.e. fade away just as the glory of the Law would fade
  4. Usher in a greater Glory: Ministry of the Spirit: New Covenant of Grace

9 For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.

- **Old Covenant of Law:** Ministry of Condemnation
- **New Covenant of Grace:** Ministry of Righteousness
  1. **Romans 3:21** Righteousness apart from the law through faith in Jesus
  2. **Jeremiah 31:31** I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
  3. **Luke 22:20** "This cup is the new covenant in My blood" Jesus

New Covenant exceeds much more in **glory**; i.e. that which results in the praise of God

10 For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. 11 For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious. 12

Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech— 13 unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel **could not look** steadily at the end of what was passing away. 14 But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ.

Seeking Righteousness/Salvation in trying to keep of the Law causes Spiritual blindness

- Jews are still looking for the Law to save
- Legalist still looking to be righteous in own goodness [Jesus only railed on legalists]

15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.

- Jews and Legalistic churches blinded to Christ: Seek righteousness in the law

16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

**Nevertheless: When anyone turns from the mirror and to Jesus they will be saved**

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 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.

- **The Lord is the Spirit:** New Covenant of Grace is the ministry of the Spirit v.8
- **Where the Spirit of the Lord is...**there is liberty

**Matthew 11:28** Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

- **Our eyes are not covered to the Glory of the lord**
  1. We see the Spirit of the Lord changing us
  2. We are transformed not by Law but by His Spirit
  3. We see the Glory of the Lord what God is doing in us

When we see the glory of God; what He is doing in/through us...we can only give **Him** praise

**Psalms 115:1** Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, But to Your name give glory, Because of Your mercy, Because of Your truth.

**SUMMARY Shining Face of Moses:** Moses meets with God receiving instructions/glow. Speaks to people with veil covering his face as he reveals what God told him.