

Exodus 34:1-17 The Compassionate Gracious Lord Sunday, 12/5/21 Pastor Stuart Fraser

I. Introduction: God appeared to Moses once again on Mount Sinai and revealed to him that He is Israel's covenant God who is compassionate and gracious.

II. The Compassionate Gracious Lord (Exodus 34:1-17).

- A. God's Spiritual Restoration (vv. 1-4).
 - 1. God instructed Moses to make two more tablets to record the ten commandments, which were later put in the Ark to remind them of God's covenant with Israel.

- B. God's Supernatural Character (vv. 5-9).
 - 1. Moses experienced a new vision of God's glory on the mountain as He renewed His covenant with Israel, revealing profound truths about His character.

- C. God's Sacred Renewal (vv. 10-17).
 - 1. God warned Israel not to make alliances with the nations in the promised land because He is a jealous God who would not tolerate idolatry.

III. Conclusion: God revealed that He is a God of mercy and grace who forgives those who seek repentance and pursue a relationship with Him through faith.

Questions About: The Compassionate Gracious Lord

- 1. How did God want His people to know Him? How did He describe Himself? (Ex 34:6-7) How does God feel when His people sin? Is He compassionate? Is He gracious? Angry?
- 2. Where were the Israelites camped for most of the book of Exodus? (Ex 19-40) How had Israel broken their covenant with God? (Ex 32:1-35) How did Moses pray for Israel? (vv. 11-14)
- 3. What did Moses request of God? (Ex 33:17-23) What did God tell Moses to do first? (Ex 34:1-4) Why did God tell Moses to do this? What had Moses done previously (32:19)
- 4. What did God reveal about Himself? (Ex 34:5-9) Why was this repeated in the OT? (Num 14:18; 2 Chron 30:9; Neh 9:17; Ps 86:15; 103:8; 111:4; 112:4; 116:5; 145:8; Joel 2:13)
- 5. What does this manifestation of God reveal about His character? (Ex 34:6-7) Why did Israel need comfort? (Ex 32:1-35) How did God demonstrate compassion toward Israel?
- 6. What does it mean that God is gracious? (Ex 34:6) What is grace, and why is it important? What does it mean that God is slow to anger? Abounding in loving-kindness and truth?
- 7. Why did God reaffirm His covenant with Israel? (Ex 34:10-35) What did God warn Israel about doing? (vv. 12-17) Are you in danger of committing idolatry in your life?
- 8. What happened to Moses when he came down from the mountain? (Ex 34:29-35) How can you experience fellowship with God every day? How do we reflect His glory when we do?

Prayer

- 1. Pray that God would reveal to you the importance of His character from this passage.
- 2. Ask God to help you to fellowship daily with Him through His word and prayer.