

# "The Presence of God"

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Shiloh Community Church

- I. The Presence of God Was Forfeited (Exodus 33:1-6)
  - A. The Covenant With God Was \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. The Covenantal Promises Are \_\_\_\_\_\_Without the Presence of God
  - C. The Ornaments
    - 1. Taken from the Egyptians as a gift from God
    - 2. The people used them to make a false god and to adorn themselves with false status
    - 3. The intended purpose was for the people to sacrificially give them for the building of the furniture of worship towards God

II. The Presence of God is the Basis of \_\_\_\_\_

A. The Presence of God in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 3:23; 4:4-7)

- B. The Presence of God in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 32-34)
- C. The Presence of God in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(2 Kings 6-8)
- D. The Presence of God Made \_\_\_\_\_\_ (John 1:14)
- E. The Presence of God in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of His Covenantal People (Romans 8:9; 2 Corinthians 6:16-18)
- F. The Presence of God in the New Heavens and New Earth (Revelation 21:22-25; 22:21)
- III. The Presence of God \_\_\_\_\_

(Exodus 33:7)

- A. Distance in Relationship With God (Deuteronomy 23:14; Isaiah 6:5)
- B. While Israel Repented of Their Sin, it Was God's Choice to Renew His Covenant With Them

IV. The Presence of God

A. Lessons From Moses' Prayer:

1. His prayer is void of \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 33:16 "For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

John 17:9-11 "I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

2. He is \_\_\_\_\_\_ before God

Exodus 33:13 "Moses said to the LORD, 'See, you say to me, "Bring up this people," but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight." 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."

Psalm 139:23-24 "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!"

Exodus 33:17 "And the LORD said to Moses, 'This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.'"

3. He prays to \_\_\_\_\_God deeper

4. His desires align with \_\_\_\_\_

- V. The Presence of God Revealed
  - A. To Be In the Presence of God is To Know His Character (Exodus 33:18-19)
  - B. The Character Of God is the Basis For the Renewal Of the Covenant That Israel Broke (Exodus 34:1, 6-8, 10)
  - C. The Heart of Moses Is \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 3:6 "And he said, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God."

Exodus 34:8-9 "And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. And he said, 'If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.'"



#### 1. Familiarize Yourself With the Passage

- a. Read Exodus 33:1-34:23
- b. Read the context around the narrative
- c. Note repetition of words, content, and ideas

## 2. Context

a. Literary Context: The sin of Israel in the previous chapter was the first sin the people did as a corporate nation and foreshadowed the hopelessness for the future of Israel. Their future is bleak if one would read further into the Old Testament, for they have generational consistency of rebelling against the God who saved them from Egypt to worship the gods of the surrounding nations. This chapter builds tension between God's desire to be present with His people, while the people's idolatry stands as the wall between them and God. Moses is a true mediator who functions as the intercessor similarly to how Christ intercedes for God's people today. The tent of the meeting's location outside the camp communicates that God cannot be among sinful people (Exodus 33:7). Moses approached the tent as the only one who can mediate between God and the people (Exodus 33:8). Thus, Moses embodied the mediating role and is the only one who could speak with God face to face, which is a picture of Jesus who is the only one who eternally dwelled with God face to face in the triune community of the Godhead (Exodus 33:11; John 1:1) In John 1:1, the Greek preposition "with" could be translated "toward" showing a face-to-face relationship between the Father and the Son.

#### 3. Questions About the Passage

- a. What was God's concern in Exodus 33:3 about the people of Israel? Why is it a legitimate concern?
- b. What aspects of God's nature/character do you see in Exodus 33:1-34:23? Are there any that draw your heart to God and why?
- c. How do you see Moses interceding on behalf of the people? What does he argue in order to turn God's mind (Exodus 33:12-16).
- d. How does the narrative begin to develop Joshua's role in the nation of Israel? Why do you think Joshua would not leave the tent of meeting (Exodus 33:11)?

## 4. From the Passage to Life

- a. Moses showed great interest in seeking the glory of God (Exodus 33:18). How do the distractions of this world keep you from seeking the glory of God in your life? What can you do differently in your life to seek God's glory more?
- b. Moses declared that he wanted to see God's ways (Exodus 33:13). How is God trying to show you His ways in your life? Do you have as great an interest in the ways of God as Moses? If not, why?
- c. Moses claimed that God's presence among them made them distinct (Exodus 33:16). Do you see the indwelling presence of the Spirit of God in your life as a mark that separates you from everyone else in the world? How would embracing and knowing this change your daily life and routines?