

CHRISTIANITY



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The Holiness of God (Exodus 34:1-4)

God is the one who initiates people approaching Him. People cannot approach Him on their own initiative.

God's holiness—His moral perfection and total uniqueness.

The testimony of Scripture is not that we are good people who have made mistakes, but that we are sinful to our core and separated from God as a result.

The Love of God (Exodus 34:5-7a)

Attributes of God

- Merciful—relenting on deserved punishment
- Gracious—undeserved favor toward those who are sinful
- Abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness—not merely possessing it, but abounding in it (overflowing)
- Keeping steadfast love for thousands— inexhaustible source of consistent, faithful love
- Forgiving iniquity—canceling debt of sin

The Justice of God (Exodus 34:7b)

Common objections to God's justice

1. Disagree with God's distribution of justice
2. Struggling through grief
3. Contradiction between God in Old Testament and Jesus in New Testament
4. Makes God look vengeful and not loving

Our Response (Exodus 34:8-9)

Moses' response ought to mirror our response

1. We worship God for who He is
2. We recognize our sinfulness before God
3. We recognize that God must address evil
4. We repent of our sin and plead to God for forgiveness

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