

# Outside The Gate

## intro:

1 cor 1:26-31

Consider your calling? How did you meet the Lord?

In brokenness, dependence, and need...

In repentant faith at the foot of the cross.

## Problem:

Behold the sinful saint

Galatians 3:1-3

Where do you think you are to meet Him still?

Though we are saints we are still sinners who relate to God by faith in the borrowed righteousness of Christ. We have not outgrown our repentance we have not outgrown the cross.

Exodus 33:1-11 Is a primer for an unholy but redeemed people in an ongoing relationship with a Holy God. It shows us both the terribleness of our ongoing sin even as it hints at the grace that is ours IN Christ.

## Main Idea:

Behold our ongoing predicament

our ongoing posture

our ongoing provision...outside the gate

## Implication:

The goal is not to repent and go back to the ways of the world but to remain in repentant expectation of a better city that is to come where true righteousness dwells. A better city, a lasting city, a city that is to come...from outside the gates of this fallen world. But in the meantime how do we get to this place outside the gate?

## Application:

David wrote in his psalm of confession (ps 51:17) that our true worship begins with a broken and a contrite or a crushed spirit. He is telling us like John where this place outside the gate is...

Its the place of our brokenness - the place of brutal honesty where all our hidden sins and ugly thoughts and feelings are - the place of our insecurity the place of our insignificance the place of our need - that's where He met us and its where He meets us still

You have not outgrown your predicament - you are still a sinner and He is still Holy

You have not outgrown your posture - the sinful ornaments of your life are still defiled

You have not outgrown your provision - the cross is still outside the gate

## End:

It is finished

## Articles for further study:

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/grieving-the-holy-spirit/>

<http://www.barabbas.com/sermons-book/?>

[sapurl=Lys00TViL2xiL21pLyta2hoZmpjP2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmZW1iZWQ9dHJ1ZQ==](http://www.barabbas.com/sermons-book/?sapurl=Lys00TViL2xiL21pLyta2hoZmpjP2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmZW1iZWQ9dHJ1ZQ==)

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<https://www.evangelicalmagazine.com/article/golgotha-why-was-jesus-crucified-outside-the-city/>

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Text:

### Behold our ongoing predicament

Exodus 33:1 ¶ The LORD said to Moses, “**Depart; go up from here**, you and **the people** whom **you have brought up** out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, ‘To your offspring I will give it.’”

Exodus 33:2 **I will send an angel (not my angel - theophany but an ordinary angel) before you, and I will drive out** the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Exodus 33:3 Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; **but I will not go up among you, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people.**”

*ex 19:21-24 (God had already known this what changed? The actual sins of the people. They grieved Him and He actually cares actually feels)*

*eph 1:11-14 (God is in a different scenario with us - He can never leave but He can be grieved...)*

*eph 4:25-5:1 (how does God feel about your ongoing sin? This is a scandalous idea - in the same way He has written His relenting into His decree so He has written His heartfelt emotional hurt in His relationship to us - He is in a real relationship with us)*

*1 cor 6:15-20 (the H.S. is a real person who dwells in you - He sees and grieves over all you sins...and yet there is no hint of Him abandoning you as we see here in this passage - so should we continue to sin knowing grace abounds - by no means - what motivation)*

### ongoing posture

Exodus 33:4 ¶ **When the people heard this disastrous word, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments.**

Exodus 33:5 For the LORD had said to Moses, “Say to the people of Israel, ‘You are a stiff-necked people; if for a single moment I should go up among you, I would consume you. So now **take off your ornaments**, that I may know what to do with you.’”

Exodus 33:6 **Therefore the people of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments, from Mount Horeb onward.**

*ex 32:2-3 (disastrous word - God negated everything - no kingdom of priests, no holy nation, no god in their midst, no ark, no mercy seat, no bread of presence, no candle, no altar no incense, no cloud, no glory so they, mourned removed the trappings of their worldliness - the sinful ornaments of their rebellion)*

*2 cor 7:1-10 (Behold the sinful saint and the ongoing godly grief that produces in him an ongoing repentance leading to an ongoing salvation without regret - an ongoing fellowship...Israel's repentance at Sinai led them to a salvation with regret for God had pulled back - yet He could still be found by the repentant... outside the camp)*

*1 pet 3:7; 4:7-8 (so we all get along - what was God teaching with His distance from Israel that the brazen altar couldn't teach? Where to find Jesus!!!)*

### ongoing provision...outside the gate

Exodus 33:7 ¶ Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it **outside the camp, far off from the camp**, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would **go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp.**

Exodus 33:8 Whenever Moses **went out to the tent**, all the people would rise up, and each would stand at his tent door, and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent.

Exodus 33:9 When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses.

Exodus 33:10 And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door.

Exodus 33:11 **Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face**, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

*lev 13:45-46 (that where the sinners who knew they were sinners were)*

*num 5:1-4 (unable too defile the camp)*

*mk 11:15, 19 (born outside city, operated base of ministry outside city rode in to city to be condemned - did his work of redemption outside the gates)*

*mk 1:4-5 (outside the gates)*

*mk 1:40-44 (but that's also where salvation is - real fellowship better than Moses brought to a leper)*

*mk 15:20-22 (they thought they were cleansing their holy city of blasphemous sin...the reality was just the opposite - He was cleansing the city of their blasphemous sin taking it upon Himself)*

*Heb 13:8-14 (implication)(application)*

## Application Questions

MESSAGE RECEIVED  
(Do you understand what you learned?)

- What is the main point of this message? (Could you summarize it in your own words?)
- What is something new that you learned?
  - What was your knowledge in this area before you heard this message?
  - Any change you will make in your daily life based upon this new knowledge?
- What reference verse stands out to you and why?
- How did this message encourage you? Why do you think that is?
- Did the message pair with your weekly bible reading in any way?
- What is a struggle you had with this message? It's content or it's application?
- What are some truths that stand out to you in this message?
  - Any life testimonies that you can think of that are good examples of these truths?
- What character/attribute of God stands out to you the most in this message and why?
  - Any specific verse that puts this attribute on display?

MESSAGE APPLIED  
(What are you going to do with what you learned?)

### Culture

- What are the lies of the world/devil that we need to be aware of that are antithetical to this message?
- What do you think the cultural animosity is towards this message if we apply it rightly?

### Church

- How do you see this message impacting the church corporately? (locally/globally)
  - What prayers would be good to pray for the church body based on this message?

Individual

- Is there a sin in your life that this message convicted you of?
  - Why do you think this was a blind spot in your sanctification before this message?
- How did the message address any specific life circumstance you are going through right now?
  
- Select two questions from the below list and write down your answer to them:
  - How does this message change or impact your:
    - Prayer Life?
    - Evangelism?
    - Bible Reading?
    - Christian Relationships?
    - Non-Christian relationships?
    - Parenting?
    - Role as a Husband/Wife?
    - Workplace?
- **How have you been changed by this message? What is your one memorable takeaway. If I ask you “How did God sanctify you through the preaching of this message, how would you respond?”**