

A Prayer In The Dark

Intro:

Matt 14:22-33

Where are you looking right now?

Problem:

Phil 4:4-7

What are you praying right now?

Maybe Moses can give us an example...worst moment of his ministry uncertainty insecurity he gives us more than a description - he gives us a prescription

Main idea:

Lord, let me know you

Let me know you are with me

Let me see your glory

Implication:

this is where glory is found, where hope is found, right now wherever you are, whatever you are going through - in His Word - at the cross - in the face of Jesus Christ

Application:

He has already answered the prayers you should be praying...

You can pray for better circumstances but before you do...

go to the gospel and know His ways,

go to the gospel and know He is with you,

go to the gospel and see His glory and goodness towards you

Right now - in the dark

Articles for further study:

<https://www.oneplace.com/ministries/love-worth-finding/read/articles/finding-peace-in-the-midst-of-your-storm-17621.html>

<https://bible.org/seriespage/lesson-108-goal-gospel-glory-god-romans-1625-27>

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

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Text:

Let me know you

Exodus 33:12 ¶ 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.’

Exodus 33:13 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.”

hos 6:1-3 (Moses is not unique in this desire - it is the desire of all true believers)

Jer 9:23-24 (it is the treasure of all true believers to understand and know His ways - what does it look like to know Him)

Phil 3:7-17 (Moses' prayer is not merely descriptive but prescriptive: paul like Moses wanted to know God more - and then commands us to imitate Him)

(gal 5:16-24 (these are His ways - this is what it looks like to pursue Him))

Let me know you are with me

Exodus 33:14 And he said, “**My presence will go with you,** and I will give you rest.”

Exodus 33:15 And he said to him, “**If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here.**

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?”

eph 1:15-19 (moses' prayer prescriptive)
(matt 28:16-20 He is with you - do you KNOW it?)

Jn 14:25-26; 16:33 (we are secure at peace)

James 1:2-5 (need to know it experientially - high cost of wisdom - what does this comfort often look like?..)

2 cor 1:3-7 (other people - high cost of empathy)

Let me see your glory

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.**”

Exodus 33:18 Moses said, “**Please show me your glory.**”

Exodus 33:19 And he said, “**I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’** And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

Exodus 33:20 But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.”

Exodus 33:21 And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock,

Exodus 33:22 and **while my glory passes by** I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by.

Exodus 33:23 Then I will take away my hand, and **you shall see my back,** but my face shall not be seen.”

Ex. 34:1 ¶ The LORD said to Moses, “Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke.

Ex. 34:2 Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain.

Ex. 34:3 No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain.”

Ex. 34:4 So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone.

Ex. 34:5 **The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.**

Ex. 34:6 **The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and**

abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

Ex. 34:7 **keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.”**

Ex. 34:8 And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

Ex. 34:9 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.”

rev 22:1-5 (the revelation not only descriptive but prescriptive - hope will become reality - faith will become sight - but you don't have to wait to see His glory - see it right now where you are at)

Isa 6:1-5; 52:13-14 (not in a throne room or a temple-somewhere else)

Jn 8:28 (go to the cross - then you will know then you will see)

Phil 2:1-11 (already)

2 cor 3:17-4:6 (to hear the gospel is to see His glory in the face of Jesus Christ)

(Jn 1:14, 18; 12:44-45; 14:8-9)

(Jn 17:1-5, 22-26 (glory in the face of His church - we bear the weight of that glory))

2 cor 4:7-18 (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?”**