

EXODUS: The Person, Promise, and Power of God

Exodus 34 – The Covenant Restored, Part 1

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The Restored Tablets

34 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. 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. 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.” 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. ⁵ The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. (Exodus 34:1-5)

The new tablets were _____ like the old ...

_____ provided the _____ set, however (Ex. 24:12). Moses will have to bring the stone this time.

This is their reminder that the _____ was broken by _____, not by _____.

God’s _____ is synonymous with His _____.

“... I have built the house for the name of the Lord, the God of Israel. And there I have set the ark, in which is the covenant of the Lord that he made with the people of Israel.” (2 Chron. 6:11)

There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets that Moses put there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the people of Israel, when they came out of Egypt. (2 Chron. 5:10)

... the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. ... This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. (Gal. 3:16a, 17)

These commandments were God’s words, written by God (and written by Moses!)

This is our reminder that we cannot separate _____ authorship from _____ authorship in the Bible.

The entire experience was a _____ one. Moses was to come alone, and even flocks and herds must not come near.

This is a reminder of their (and our) need to *rightfully* _____ God!

“I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.” (Psa 5:7)

“... the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. (Psa 147:11)

And in His generosity, God _____ Himself to Moses – not what he _____ like, but what His _____ is like!

Moses didn't see, but he _____.

⁶The 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, ⁷keeping 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 34:6-7)

This was His and is our reminder that God reveals Himself through _____.

Who spoke?

YHWH; The Great I AM; the eternally-existent, self-sufficient one true and living GOD.

What is He like?

- Merciful
- Gracious
- Slow to anger
- Abounding in faithful love (for "thousands")
- Forgiving
 - Iniquity
 - Transgression
 - Sin
- Just
 - Will not 'clear' the guilty, but ...
 - 'Visits' iniquity (children's children, to the 3rd and 4th generations)

What does He require?

_____ to Him!

Two Views of Sin:

Man-centered:

God-centered:

Remember:

- 1) God's _____ is God _____.
- 2) God's _____ has not changed.
- 3) The _____ may not be _____.
- 4) Scripture is _____ and _____ regarding sin.

And ...

- 5) If you have trouble with "the God of the Old Testament", you will have the same difficulty with _____ - the returning King who will _____ His enemies, per Revelation 19:11-16. (Credit: Michael Horton, *Recovering Our Sanity*)

Conclusion: The Amazing Grace of God:

⁸ And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. 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."

¹⁰ And he said, "Behold, I am making a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels, such as have not been created in all the earth or in any nation. And all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the Lord, for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you. (Exodus 34:8-10)"

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