

The Glory of the LORD  
Lesson #22  
Exodus 33:1-34:9

Israel had experienced the mighty hand of the LORD as He brought them out of slavery in Egypt. But Israel still had a slave mentality. When Moses was gone too long, the Israelites returned to what they knew: idolatry. Upon seeing that Israel had broken the Covenant, Moses interceded for the people before the LORD. Although the LORD relented from wiping them out as a nation, there were still consequences for breaking the Covenant. 3,000 died immediately and many others were struck with a plague.

**Israel's Journey to Continue - Exodus 33:1-6**

1. The LORD listened to Moses' prayer and did not destroy Israel. What were the LORD's instructions for Moses to do next? (Exodus 33:1)
  - What place?
2. Who did the LORD say that He would send with Israel? (Exodus 33:2a)
  - What would he do? (Exodus 33:2b)
3. Why did the LORD say that He would not be going with Israel personally? (Exodus 33:3)
4. Try to imagine what the LORD was feeling at this time. Why do you think He referred to Israel as '*stiff-necked*'?
5. When the people heard that the LORD would not go with them, how did they react? (Exodus 33:4-6)

6. What had God said that caused them to finally obey? (Exodus 33:5b)

**Moses and the LORD - Exodus 33:7-23**

7. If the people wanted to inquire of the LORD, where would they go? (Exodus 33:7)

8. Each time Moses went out to the tent, what would the people do? Exodus 33:8)

9. While Moses was inside of the tent, what was visible to the people outside? (Exodus 33:9)

10. What was the response of the people when they saw this? (Exodus 33:10)

11. Using Exodus 33:11:

- How did the LORD speak to Moses?

- Who remained inside the tent of meeting even when Moses was not there?

12. Before moving forward as the LORD had instructed, Moses had a request of the LORD. He began by remembering what the LORD had told him. What had the LORD said that kept Moses close to the LORD even in the most difficult of times? (Exodus 33:12)

13. What was Moses' request? (Exodus 33:13)

- Why

- Moses also reminded the LORD that this nation is \_\_\_\_\_!

14. After Moses' heartfelt request, what was the LORD's answer? (Exodus 33:14)
15. Moses felt completely safe in the LORD's presence so told the LORD that if He didn't go with them, then do not send us! What reasons did Moses give the LORD? (Exodus 33:15, 16)
16. How did the LORD answer Moses this time? (Exodus 33:17)
17. Feeling confident in his relationship with the LORD, what did Moses ask to see? (Exodus 33:18)
18. Why was this such a bold request? (Exodus 33:20)
19. The LORD said that He would honor Moses' request and '*pass by*'. The LORD also said that '*in your presence*', meaning Moses: (Exodus 33:19)
  - I will
  - I will
  - Because I will have
  - and I will have

20. During His passing by, how would the LORD protect Moses? (Exodus 33:22, 23)

**New Tablets - Exodus 34:1-8**

Moses had been a faithful servant of the LORD and for the people. Because of his prayer, the LORD had agreed not to wipe the people out, however the Covenant had been broken.

21. The stone tablets had to be restored. What was: (Exodus 34:1)

- Moses' part?

- God's part?

22. When and where was Moses to receive these new tablets? (Exodus 34:2)

23. What additional instruction did the LORD give? (Exodus 34:3)

24. Did Moses obey? (Exodus 34:4)

The LORD came down on the mountain in a cloud and proclaimed His name which in Hebrew is YHWH (Yahweh). As He passed by Moses, the LORD stated His name, meaning His character, in terms that Moses could understand.

25. What character traits did the LORD emphasize to Moses? (Exodus 34:6, 7)

26. Upon hearing the LORD's proclamation of Himself, how did Moses respond? (Exodus 34:8)

27. What was Moses' final heartfelt request of the LORD? (Exodus 34:9)

**Think about it!**

These were the character traits the LORD wanted His people to know. As you reflect on these, what stands out to you and how will you respond to Him?