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EXODUS 34:27-35



LESSON: MOSES REFLECTS GOD'S GLORY — November 29, 2020

INTRODUCTION:

Chapter 34:11-26 God tells Israel that all they would have to do is **obey what He commanded**. Then He will go before them and drive out the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.

He didn't want them compromising with the people in the land that they're going into, for if they do, they will soon be taught to follow their evil ways.

Instead they must **destroy their altars and images and cut down their shameful idols** (wooden symbols). For **they were not to worship any other god**, for the Lord their God Jehovah is a jealous God who claims absolute loyalty and exclusive devotion.

They were not to **make a treaty of any kind with the people living in the land**, for the people lust after their heathen gods, or offer sacrifices to them, for then the Israelites would be invited to join them in their sacrificial meals, and thereby entice them to go with them. Then perhaps this will lead them to choose some of their daughters for their sons to marry. And these daughters would still worship their heathen gods, thereby teach Israel's sons to commit adultery against God, doing the same bad things.

They were not to make false gods from hot metal.

They were to **keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread**. Eat the bread (no yeast) for 7 days, as commanded them in the month of Abib because this is the month they came out of Egypt.

Every firstborn is the Lord's including cattle sheep and goats. They must pay for every first donkey that is born, and give a lamb to God to pay for the donkey. If they don't pay for it, they must break its neck. Also they are to **pay for every first son that is born. Nobody must come to God without a gift in his hand.**

They must **work for six days, but on the seventh day they must rest.** Even when it is time to plough, they must rest on the seventh day. When it's time to bring in their harvest, they must still rest on the seventh day.

Remember to **celebrate these three annual religious festivals: The Festival of Weeks, the Festival of the First Wheat, and the Harvest Festival.** On each of these three occasions (three times in the year) all the men and boys of Israel shall appear before the Lord. Three times in the year, when they go in front of the Lord, nobody will take their land from them, for the Lord will go in front of them and attack and conquer their enemies, and enlarge their boundaries. They must not use leavened bread with their sacrifices to the Lord, and



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none of the meat of the Passover lamb may be kept over until the next morning. They must bring the best of the first of each year's crop to the Tabernacle of the Lord their God, and not cook a young goat in its mother's milk.

I. THE COVENANT RECORDED EXODUS 34:27-28

34:27 And the Lord said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel. The Lord told Moses to write down the laws including those in the above scriptures that He's given him for they represent God's terms of His Covenant with Moses and Israel.

34:28 And he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments. Moses is on the mountain again with God for forty days and forty nights fasting. He ate no bread or drank any water. This time he is the one writing upon the tables the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

II. THE COVENANT MEDIATOR EXODUS 34:29-30

34:29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him. Some time has passed and Moses begins to descend from Mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in hand. He didn't know it at the time, but as he came down the skin of his face glowed with brightness from being in the presence of God. We know in chapter 33 Moses had asked to see God's glory. And time spent with God will be seen and recognized by others.

34:30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. All of the children of Israel including Aaron could see this glow; this radiance upon Moses' face, that they became afraid to even come near him. Moses had spent a great deal of time with the Lord and it affected him greatly.

III. THE COVENANT RECONFIRMED EXODUS 34:31-32

34:31 And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them. Moses had something to say after spending time with God, so he called unto the people and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him, and Moses talked with them.

34:32 And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him in mount Sinai. It only takes one to start the process to take away the fear. After the rulers of the congregation came over, then all the children came near, and Moses gave them the commandment the Lord had spoken and given to him upon Mount Sinai.

IV. THE COVENANT REMINDER EXODUS 34:33-35

34:33 And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face. He chose to vail his face after he had spoken to them and not before. I don't know how close Moses was to the people.

34:34 But when Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded. But, whenever Moses went into the Tabernacle to speak with the Lord, he removed the vail until he came out again. Then he would pass on to the people whatever instructions God had given him.

34:35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses



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put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him. It was if they were looking at the face of God. God would allow Moses' face to glow with radiance and be seen by the children of Israel, but Moses would always put the vail back on when he was speaking to the people, and then pull it off when he went to speak with God in the mountain.

The covenant is given by God. It is recorded by Moses; mediated through Moses; confirmed through Moses and reminded again by Moses. God's reflection is seen outwardly whenever we spend time with the One we are to reflect.

SUMMARY:

The Lord told Moses to write down the laws that He's given him for they represent the terms of His Covenant with Moses and Israel. Moses is on the mountain again with God for forty days and forty nights fasting. He ate no bread or drank any water. This time he is the one writing upon the tables the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments (**34:27-28**).

Some time has passed and Moses begins to descend from Mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in hand. He didn't know it at the time, but as he came down the skin of his face glowed with brightness from being and talking in the presence of God. All of the children of Israel including Aaron could see this glow; this radiance upon Moses' face, that they became afraid to come near him. Moses had spent a great deal of time with the Lord and it affected him greatly (**34:29-30**).

Moses had something to say after spending time with God, so he called unto the people. And all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him, and Moses talked with them. After the rulers of the congregation came over, then all the children came near, and Moses gave them the commandment the Lord had spoken and given to him upon Mount Sinai. He chose to vail his face when speaking to them. But, whenever Moses went into the Tabernacle to speak with the Lord, he removed the vail until he came out again. Then he would pass on to the people whatever instructions God had given him. God would allow Moses' face to glow with radiance and be seen by the children of Israel, but Moses would always put the vail back on when he was speaking to the people, and then pull it off when he went to speak with God in the mountain (**34:31-35**).

