Exodus – The Revealing of God's Glory and His Design for the Chosen

#96 – Moses Asks for It All Exodus 33:12-23

Verses 12-14

Moses makes a petition to God for himself as mediator.

Verses 15-17

Moses makes a petition to God in behalf of the nation (Israel).

Verses 18-23

Moses makes a petition to God for himself as a man.

"11 Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend."

"2 I will send an angel before you and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite."

Psalm 139:13-16

- "¹³ For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.
- ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;
- 16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.

Jeremiah 31:3a

"³ The Lord appeared to him from afar, saying, 'I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness."

Exodus 33:13a

"13 Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight."

"¹⁴ And He said, 'My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.'"

"15 Then he said to Him, 'If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here."

Exodus 33:16-17

"16 'For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?' ¹⁷ The Lord said to Moses, 'I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight and I have known you by name."

THE ISRAELITES WERE SAVED BY THE MERITS OF THEIR MEDIATOR.

Matthew 3:17

"17... and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

Matthew 17:5

"5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, 'This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"

"18 Then Moses said, 'I pray You, show me Your glory!" The Burning Bush

The Mountaintop

The tent of meeting when the Pillar of Cloud descended

Exodus 3:2-6

Exodus 24:15-18

Exodus 33:9

Exodus 33:19-20

"19 And He said, 'I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the Lord before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion.' 20 But He said, 'You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!"

Exodus 33:21-23

"21 Then the Lord said, 'Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock; ²² and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."

Moses prayed to know God's ways and we should do the same.

Psalm 103:7

"⁷ He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel."

We need to pray that God would be with us as we reflect upon our desires coupled with reflection on His character.

Through Christ, God has also revealed His presence to the church.

John 1:1

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

There is a great divide among mankind.

Moses' mediation points to an ever higher mediation by Christ alone.

Hebrews 8:6

"6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises."