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

#98 – The Radiance that Never Fades Exodus 34:29-35

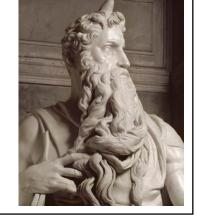
Exodus 34:29a

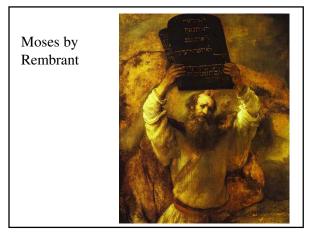
"^{29a} It came about when Moses was coming down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the testimony were in Moses' hand as he was coming down from the mountain)...."

Exodus 34:29b-32

^{••29b} that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because of his speaking with Him. ³⁰ So when Aaron and all the sons of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers in the congregation returned to him; and Moses spoke to them. ³² Afterward all the sons of Israel came near, and he commanded them to do everything that the Lord had spoken to him on Mount Sinai."

Moses by Michelangelo





Exodus 34:33

"³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face."

Exodus 34:34-35

"³⁴ But whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with Him, he would take off the veil until he came out; and whenever he came out and spoke to the sons of Israel what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the sons of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone. So Moses would replace the veil over his face until he went in to speak with Him."

II Corinthians 3:13

"¹³ ... and are not like Moses, who used to put a veil over his face so that the sons of Israel would not look intently at <u>the</u> <u>end of what was fading away</u>."

Hebrews 1:3a "^{3a} And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature...."

Matthew 17:2

"² And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light."

John 17:5

"⁵ Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was."

Romans 1:4

"⁴ Who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord."

II Corinthians 4:6

"⁶ For God, who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."

Psalm 34:5

"⁵ They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces will never be ashamed."

II Corinthians 3:7-11

⁴⁷ But if the ministry of death, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading as it was, ⁸ how will the ministry of the Spirit fail to be even more with glory? ⁹ For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the ministry of righteousness abound in glory. ¹⁰ For indeed what had glory, in this case has no glory because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹ For if that which fades away was with glory, much more that which remains is in glory."

II Corinthians 3:8

"⁸ ...how will the ministry of the Spirit fail to be even more with glory?"

II Corinthians 3:9

"⁹ For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the ministry of righteousness abound in glory."

Augustine:

"Whereas the Law is only a step to glory, the gospel is the summit of glory." The awesome wonder of God's glory naturally causes fear. We do not glorify God by looking at ourselves but by looking to Him!

In order to shine we need to spend time with God alone.

Access to God is only through Christ by the forgiveness of sins as expressed in a repentant heart.

II Corinthians 3:14-15

"¹⁴ But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ. ¹⁵ But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart."

Transformation begins with the veil removed and seeing through the light of Christ.

II Corinthians 3:17-18

"¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. ¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit." We will get there. We will see Him face to face.

<u>I John 3:2</u>

"² Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is."