

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen #96

“Moses Asks for It All” -- Exodus 33:12-23

I. Introduction.

A. Standing in the gap.

1. World War II illustration.
2. Moses as mediator.

B. Today’s focus.

1. Overhearing an intimate conversation of the past between Moses and God.
2. Dialog division:
 - a. Vs. 12-14 – Moses’ petition to God for _____ as mediator.
 - b. Vs. 15-17 – Moses makes a petition to God in behalf of the _____.
 - c. Vs. 18-23 – Moses makes a petition for _____ as a man.

II. Exposition

A. Exodus 33:12-13a

1. Moses definitely conversed with God (Ex. 33:11).
2. “See Thou dost say...” NASU, KJV, ESV as contrast to many other translations including the NIV.
 - a. “Now see here, God,” (Pretty direct!)
3. Previously God noted that His angel would go with the people – Ex. 33:2.
4. Verse 13a – Moses wanted God himself.
5. Verse 12 indicates that God knew Moses by name.
 - a. Said of us, too. Ps. 139:13-16; Jer. 31:3a.
6. “Teach me thy ways.”
 - a. Course directions or to know God according to His character.

B. Exodus 33:14

1. Literally, “My face will go.”

2. Note God’s response is for Moses alone.

C. Exodus 33:15

1. Moses wants God’s presence to go with all the people.

D. Exodus 33:16-17

1. No self-aggrandizement. The effectiveness of his mediatorial work secured God’s presence with the people.
 - a. True of us in Christ, too. Matt. 3:17; 17:5.

E. Exodus 33:18

1. What a request!!
 - a. Moses had caught glimpses of God’s glory in the past. Exodus 3:2-6; 24:15-18; 33:9
 - b. He wanted more.

F. Exodus 33:19-20

1. The “yes” and “no” answer.
 - a. Partial revelation. Even angels do not see what Moses requested – Isaiah 6:1-3.

G. Exodus 33:21-23

1. Anthropomorphic language in use.
2. Moses was protected by G_____ from G_____.

III. Points for Reflection

- A. Moses prayed to know God’s ways, and we should do the same.
 1. Psalm 103:7
- B. We need to pray that God would be with us as we reflect upon our desires coupled with reflection on His character.
 1. John 15:5
- C. Through Christ, God has also revealed His presence to the church.
 1. John 1:1; John 1:14
- D. There is a great divide among mankind.
 1. Exodus 33:16
- E. Moses’ mediation points to an ever higher mediation by Christ alone.
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