

Re-cap -10-Commandments - like marriage vows - God and Israel -

Jer 31:32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord.

Headed to the Promised Land - Tabernacle of the Glory of God - Presence of God

Heb 8:5 who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.

Moses receives the tablets (31:18) - Sort of like a wedding gift

Chapter 32 - While Moses is up on the mountain top - Israel - the newly established wife of Jehovah - sleeps with an old boyfriend - Golden Calf - Anger of the Lord - Moses Intercedes - you love them - Anger of Moses

1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Depart and go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your descendants I will give it.' 2 And I will send My Angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanite and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite. 3 Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people."

God told them they could have the Promised Land, but He would not remain with them in a close, personal way. If they were satisfied with that arrangement, it would prove they only loved God's blessings and not God Himself.

4 And when the people heard this bad news, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments.

They mourned the potential loss of God's close presence.

5 For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the children of Israel, 'You *are* a stiff-necked people. I could come up into your midst in one moment and consume you. Now therefore, take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do to you.' " 6 So the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by Mount Horeb.

You are a stiff-necked people: The idea is to stubbornly resist God. ox or donkey resisting the farmer

7 Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass *that* everyone who sought the LORD went out to the tabernacle of meeting which was outside the camp.

Moses makes his own tent the meeting place with God's presence

8 So it was, whenever Moses went out to the tabernacle, *that* all the people rose, and each man stood *at* his tent door and watched Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle. 9 And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood *at* the door of the tabernacle, and *the* LORD talked with Moses. 10 All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing *at* the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man *in* his tent door.

Worship was their natural response. When Moses worshipped God it made others want to also worship God.

11 So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.

Face to Face as a friend - Moses heard clearly and plainly - intimacy - without hindrance

12 Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.' 13 Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation *is* Your people."

For Moses the Promised Land was nothing special without the special presence of the Lord. Moses knew being in the Presence of His Glory was grace.

14 And He said, "My Presence will go *with you*, and I will give you rest."

My Presence will go with you is literally "My Face will go with you." It has the sense of "in the immediate presence of God."

And I will give you rest: The Presence of God means **rest** and peace in life.

15 Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go *with us*, do not bring us up from here. 16 For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who *are* upon the face of the earth."

Moses knew that the only way they would become a Holy nation - royal priesthood - presence of God

17 So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name."

God honored the bold intercession of Moses, and He promised to restore His relationship with Israel.

18 And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."

He wanted *more* in his personal relationship with God. Show me your *kabod*, the manifested glory - full weight

19 Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

God promised to show Moses His **goodness**. God's glory lies in His **goodness**.

Name = Nature & Character - I will give you a deeper insight and understanding into myself, into my character, into who I am.

20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." 21 And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. 22 So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. 23 Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

Protected both by the **hand** of God and hidden away in the **rock** of refuge, Moses gets to experience 'the after-effects' of his radiant glory, which had just passed by. The wake.

Exodus 34:1-4 - Two New Tablets of the 10 Commandments

Exodus 34: 5 Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

The **cloud** mentioned was no doubt the cloud of glory known as the *Shekinah*.

6 And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, 7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

Moses *experienced* the character/nature/name of God in a dramatic way. Moses had a power spiritual experience, proclamation (word of God) with rich with feeling and emotion.

8 So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped. 9 Then he said, "If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray, go among us, even though we *are* a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance."

Moses reaction was to worship. When we come to know who God is and all His great love for us, the natural response is worship.

Exodus 34:10-28 - Renewal of the Covenant

Exodus 34:29-35 - Moses Shines with the Radiance of God

Gleaning - **Needing his glory** - **This text is about the glory of God**, well-known but very slippery word.

Chapter 32 Israel's adultery - Golden Calf - Moses intercedes for them. God forgives them.

God makes a fascinating offer. This intimate relationship between you and me is not going to work. I will send an angel. I will put you in your land. I will make you economically, politically, and militarily successful, **but my presence will not go with you**. Literally, my face will not go with you.

Moses responds essentially saying, without your presence, your glory, your face, it is better to die.

In other words - human life is meaningless without the glory presence of God. (Omnipresence is different from the Glory Presence)

There is a significant difference between believing in God in general and experiencing the omnipresence of God, his everywhere presence, and knowing God personally and experiencing his glory presence, his face.

Moses is saying, The Glory of God is what we are made for - made to glorify God - experience His glory
Sounds egotistical - but not when you consider that God is three persons - without need -

In John 17, Jesus prays "... Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. ... Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world."

The only reason God could've created you and me is not because he needed glory, but to share it.
God wants to make us capable of reflecting his glory, praising his glory, giving and reflecting love and joy..

In Psalm 16, David says, "In thy face is fullness of joy. In thy right hand are pleasures forevermore."

Seeing his glory - What does it mean then to see, to grasp, or experience his glory?

Moses says, "I want to see your glory," and God says, "... you cannot see my face ..." They're synonyms.
Glory is the Hebrew word *kabowd*. Face is the Hebrew word *paniym*.

kabowd means weight. - You begin to grasp the glory of God. When you begin to realize there's a reality to him
you have to bow to, you have to discover, you don't construct. More than general and omnipresence

God is a glorious God when you begin to develop a certain intellectual awe.

***kabowd* also means substance or matter** - you begin to experience the glory of God when *he matters more than anything else*. - no longer in the periphery (Omni-presence)

You judge everything else by whether it hinders or enhances your relationship with God, He matters most.

Face means relationship. Talk to a friend, relate to them, you look them in the face.

The whole idea behind experiencing the face of God is *you sense he's actually speaking to you*.

You've begun to sense God's glory, His presence, to see the face of God, when you read the Bible, listen to a sermon, read a devotion and you sense he's speaking to you - **the truth puts weight on your heart.**

Face also speaks of seeing one's beauty - When you have a general belief in God, you go to God for things. You go to God for mercy or for help or for strength or for an answer to prayer. You go to God for power. You go to God for things.

When you've begun to experience the glory of God, you begin to find thinking about who he is and what he does becomes an end in itself. He becomes satisfying in Himself.

Natural beauty - It's satisfying in itself. It fills me up. Is that what prayer is like for you? When it is, you've begun to approach the glory presence of God, when praise and adoration fills you, to glorify means to enjoy him.

All his life C.S. Lewis thought, "How silly for God to ask us to glorify him! What an egotistical thing that is! What's the matter with him?" Then he said, "I had never noticed that all enjoyment spontaneously overflows into praise ..." "People spontaneously praise whatever they value, and they urge others to join in. 'Isn't that great?' we say. 'Wasn't it glorious? Come and listen. Don't you think that's magnificent?' Indeed we can't help

but praise the things we enjoy because praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment. It is its appointed consummation.

To fully enjoy is to glorify. In commanding us to glorify him, God is inviting us to enjoy him.

Finding his glory -

Motive - Why do you and I want this? Remember Moses' reason for wanting the presence of God, - only way we will be a holy nation

To be a holy nation meant you were going to be a community of such love and such peace and such justice and such beauty that everybody in the world would say, "There is no way to account for that except God."

That we would so radiate the Glory of God - because He is unmistakably present in our lives - no need to argue people into belief - attract people into belief.

Money - How you manage your money reveals what matters most. In verses 33: 4, 5, and 6, it talks about stripping off the ornaments.

Worship in truth - put your money where your mouth is - You put your wealth into the things you serve. The way you spend your money, shows you your real gods. Golden Calf or Lord Jesus

Radical giving and generosity is an expression of the belief that God alone is your source of significance and security. Giving strengthens the belief. When I give, it helps my heart believe it.

Prayer - Moses prayed "Show me your glory." What do you pray for? There's nothing wrong with praying for all of your ailments, family, friends. Moses prays. "Show me your glory. Show my church, your glory so we can show the world your glory."

The gospel. What's interesting here is Moses asks for the glory, and God says, "All right, I'll show you all my goodness." **In God's mind to see all of his goodness is to see his glory.**

At the moment of the revelation, Moses heard a declaration, "I am compassionate and gracious, forgiving, yet I will never leave the guilty unpunished."

This is the essence of God's glory. He is absolutely forgiving, and He is absolutely punishing. He wants no one to perish, and He demands everybody be punished. Perfect love and justice - That is goodness - ugh contradiction.

Jhn 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

In Jesus Christ we get the face. Moses only got the back. In Jesus Christ alone, do we have an absolutely just and absolutely loving God. - Cross = Love & Justice - you matter most - He matters most

What does revival mean? Revival means getting a conscious sense of the presence of God back into our life, getting a sense of the glory of God. The goodness of God leads you to repentance