

The Birth of the Covenant Nation

The God of Grace

Lesson 15

Exodus 33-34

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EXODUS

Exodus · the Beginning of the Great Nation

1446-1406 BC

Theme: “Who is Yahweh that I should obey His voice?” (Exodus 5:2)

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Yahweh Delivers His People

Yahweh Dwells with His People

In bondage in Egypt	The contest with Pharaoh	The exodus from Egypt	Early days of travel	The institution of the Law	The tabernacle revealed	The gold calf	The tabernacle constructed
1:1 Egypt · 430 years			the wilderness 2 mos. 15:22	19:1 Mt. Sinai · 10 months			

Christ in Genesis and Exodus

▶ Genesis

- Genesis 3:15 – the promise of Christ’s work of salvation
- Genesis 9:1-17 – the promise of the preservation of creation
- Genesis 12:1-3, 7 – the promise of blessing, a great nation, all nations, the Seed

▶ Exodus

- Exodus 19:1-6 – A holy nation and a nation of priests – God’s special possession
- Exodus 20-24 – the “old” Covenant of Moses
- Exodus 25:8 – the presence of God in the midst of His people
- Exodus 34:5-7 – the revelation of God’s gracious nature

▶ Theme: “Who is YHWH that I should obey Him?” (5:2)

▶ Thomas Goodwin: “Two pillars of the Old Testament”

- Genesis 3:15 – God’s promise of Christ
- Exodus 34:5-7 – the revelation of God’s gracious nature
- Common setting: the fall and the golden calf

The God of Grace (Exodus 33-34)

- ▶ The case against Israel (33:1-11)
- ▶ Moses, the mediator (33:12-34:9)
- ▶ The “Old” Covenant renewed (34:10-28)
- ▶ The glory of God concealed (34:29-35)

The Case Against Israel (33:1-11)

- ▶ The Promise without YHWH (33:1-3)
 - The problem of sin – it excludes the God's presence
 - The Promise to the Patriarchs – challenged by sin
 - An angel v. the Angel of YHWH “I will not go with you!”
 - The obstinate people – under sentence of death
- ▶ Remove your ornaments (33:4-6)
- ▶ The tent or tabernacle of meeting (33:7-11)
 - Outside the camp
 - The tent of meeting – the presence of God

Moses the Mediator (33:12-34:9)

- ▶ Thomas Goodwin's second pillar – the grace of God
- ▶ Moses quotes God: “I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.”
- ▶ Moses' requests: to know the ways of God and the Person of God . . . and consider Your people
- ▶ God response: His presence . . . and His rest
- ▶ Moses' response: No grace without God's presence
- ▶ YHWH'S response affirms His love for Moses – He knows Moses and has favored Moses
- ▶ Moses is emboldened: “Show me Your glory.”
- ▶ The glory of God – His goodness; His name; His sovereign grace
- ▶ A return trip to the mountain with the tablets of stone
- ▶ Exodus 34:5-7 – YHWH reveals His glory: YHWH, YHWH God
 - Compassion; grace; slow to anger; lovingkindness; truth; forgive sin; judge sin
- ▶ Moses is emboldened to request the glory of YHWH for His people

EXODUS

<u>Hebrew</u>	<u>English (NASB)</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
ELOHIM	God	118
ADONAI	Lord	9
YHWH	LORD or GOD	398
ADONAI YHWH	Lord GOD	2
YHWH	LORD	396

The “Old” Covenant Renewed (34:10-28)

- ▶ The Covenant established in Exodus 24 and broken 40 days later (Exodus 32)
- ▶ God renews the Covenant (34:1-2, 10-11)
- ▶ The Book of the Covenant (20-23) – another Book in the renewal (34:10-27)
- ▶ Make no covenant with the people of the land (34:11-17)
 - The snare to entice them to sin
 - God is a jealous God
- ▶ Religious activity repeated (34:18--28; see also 23:14-19)
 - Feast of Unleavened Bread – after the Passover
 - Redemption of the firstborn
 - Sabbath rest
 - Feast of Weeks – Feast of Harvest or Pentecost
 - Feast of Ingathering
- ▶ Special instructions (34:25-26)
 - Safety - unleavened bread; no left-overs; first fruits
 - Do not boil a young goat in its mother’s milk (see also 23:19)

The Glory of God Concealed (34:29-35)

- ▶ The glory of God in the face of Moses
 - The mark of an appointed mediator between God and man
 - A glory that is largely concealed
 - Concealed the temporary nature of this glory (2 Corinthians 3:7-11, 18)
- ▶ Anticipated a better Mediator (John 1:14; 2 Corinthians 4:6)
 - The glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
 - The knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The God of Grace (Exodus 33-34)

- ▶ A false interpretation – no grace or love in the God of the Old Testament
- ▶ The name of the God of the Old Testament is YHWH (Savior)
- ▶ YHWH is revealed in the New Testament as Jesus Christ
- ▶ Salvation is knowing this God – the same yesterday, today, forever