

Moses Asks to See God's Glory

Lesson Text: Exodus 33:12-23

Moses had a big job to do! He was supposed to lead and teach the whole nation of Israel as they traveled to the land God had promised to give them. It would be a very long trip with lots of problems along the way. Moses knew God wanted him to do this, and he was willing to do it. But he wanted to be sure that God was going to be with them.

Moses said to God, "You told me You are pleased with me and that You know everything about me. If I have pleased You, then teach me Your ways. I want to know You better so that I can keep pleasing You."

God told Moses, "I Myself will go with you and lead you." Moses was so relieved. He did not want to go anywhere or do anything unless God would be with them. He knew that they were supposed to be different from other nations since they knew the one true God. He would be there to help, protect, and show them the right way to go.

Moses bravely asked God for a very special favor. "Will You show me Your glory?" He wanted to see what God looked like.

God said, "I will show you My goodness. I will speak My special name so that you can hear it. But I cannot let you see My face. No man can see My face and continue to live."

God showed Moses a safe place between the rocks

where he could stand. Then as God passed by that place, He covered Moses in a way that kept Moses safe while His glory passed by. When God allowed Moses to look, he saw God's back but not His face. In this awesome way, Moses knew that God would always be with him.

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"And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live" (Exodus 33:20).



Moses asked God to show him some of His glory.

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