

February 10/Day 41

Exodus 33

Verses 1-3

- Yesterday, the LORD was angered by the crafting of the golden calf, but Moses interceded for the people and reminded God of His covenant with their fathers, and God changed His mind regarding the punishment He had intended toward them.
- Moses had asked for God to go before them. Why did God send an angel rather than going with the people for Himself?

Verses 4-6

- What kind of word did the people hear? What did they do in regard to this word?
- What do you think the stripping off of their ornaments represented?

Verses 7-11

- How would the people know the LORD's presence was at tent of meeting?
- How did the LORD speak to Moses? What does the passage say?
- Who stayed in the tent when Moses went out? So, did this person hear what God said when He spoke with Moses?

Verses 12-16

- How do we come to KNOW God? (verse 13)
- What did Moses request for God to do?

Verses 17-23

- How do you think Moses had found favor with God?
- What did Moses request God to show him?
- Do you remember with whom we have seen God say the words in verse 19?
- What can man not see and live?
- What did God allow for Moses in his request?
- Now, you may have a question if you thought this through. Why, above, does it say God spoke with Moses face to face, but in this section, it says he could not see his face, lest he die? Does the Bible contradict itself? Absolutely not! God is Spirit (John 4:24) and spirits do not have hands or feet or faces or backs. The passage means He was speaking with Moses in a intimate way. Throughout Scripture we will see anthropomorphism used to describe God, which ascribe human qualities to Him. We see His hands as providence, His strong and mighty arms as protection, and so on. Mankind could not handle all the glory of God. He can not be comprehended. It seems His face represents His full glory which would kill a mere human, but His back seems to represent the amount of His glory He is willing to make

known to mankind, which, while man still will not comprehend, is delivered in a portion which will not overwhelm him. Whew! Got that?

Exodus 34

Verses 1-9

- What did God tell Moses to come up on the mountain for Him to do again?
- What do we learn about God's character in verses 6-7? Are you keeping up with what you learn about God, His ways, and His character?
- Notice again the generational curses mentioned in verse 7.
- Here we see Moses interceding again for the people? What word does he call them again?

Verse 10

- What is the purpose for the miracles God was to perform?

Verses 11-17

- God is reminding the people what He told them before about the inhabitants of the land. Why were they not to make covenant with them?
- What are they to tear down? I don't believe the Asherim was mentioned the last time we saw Him say this. Remember, "-im" is plural, so Asherim is a plural word. The singular word is Asherah (or Ashtoreth). She is a Phoenician and Canaanite fertility goddess in the form of a sacred tree or pole similar to a totem pole. Fertility was important to the peoples of all nations, not only in bearing children, but also in producing food goods.
- Do you remember what it means that God is a jealous God? He is not jealous of us, but jealous over us in that He will not share us with another god. You can see this described in this passage.
- God uses the picture of a harlot, a prostitute or an immoral woman, as a picture of cheating on Him with another god.

Verses 18-28

- We have seen all of this before when the people promised that everything God had said they would do.
- What did God tell Moses to do with this information? Do you think this is what you are reading at this very moment?
- What did God write for Moses AGAIN?

Verses 29-35

- What had happened to Moses's face in the presence of God?

- How did he cover it in verse 33?
- The Law is the Old Covenant or the Old Testament. When we get to the New Testament, we will see the New Covenant isn't in tables of stone, but through the blood of Jesus it is written on our hearts.
- Observe Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 3, I guarantee it will be worth your time.

Exodus 35

Verses 1-9

- Yesterday we left off with God telling Moses these things. Moses is now delivering the message to the people. Another way for God to repeat for us so we may review,

Verses 10-19

- What was the bread called? Think about this.
- The Tabernacle was a tent, it was not meant to be set up in a permanent location, so of what importance were the pegs? Think about a circus, are the pegs important?

Verses 20-29

- Look at verse 21. "Everyone whose heart stirred him and everyone whose spirit moved him came *and* brought the LORD'S contribution...". Should we then succumb to manipulation by sermons on giving which are designed to instill guilt? 2 Corinthians 9:7 tells us, "Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
- What kinds of items did the people bring to contribute besides their skills?
- What is the name of this offering to God?
- What is the example for us?

Verses 30-35

- What kinds of skills did the people have in the beginning?
- Does this passage sound familiar, like you've read it before? Remember, Moses is repeating to the people what God had told him to say.

See you tomorrow.