

The Exodus Series - A God Merciful and Gracious

REMINDER: Submit your Exodus questions for our upcoming Q & A sessions.

The crucial question of Exodus 33:

Exodus 33:1 - 3 The LORD said to Moses... go up from here, you and the people... to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob... I will send an angel before you... a land flowing with milk and honey... **BUT I will not go up among you...**

- *Are you willing to have the land but not the LORD?*

One of the Most Important Verses in the Bible

Exodus 34:6 is repeated numerous times in Scripture:

- **Numbers 14:18-19**
- **2 Chronicles 30:9**
- **Nehemiah 9:17, 31**
- **Psalms 86:15, 103:8, 145:8**
- **Joel 2:13**
- **Jonah 4:2** (ironic angry Jonah)
- **Micah 7:18**

Veil on the Heart:

2nd Corinthians 3:13 - 15

13 not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

14 But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away.

15 Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts.

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Notice the Repeated Emphasis on the People's Desire to Contribute:

- **35:5** - Moses called for "Whoever is of a generous heart."
- **35:21** - The response was "everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the LORD's contribution."
- **35:22** - "So they came, both men and women. All who were of a willing heart..."
- **35:26** - "...women whose hearts stirred..."
- **35:29** - "All the men and women, the people of Israel, whose heart moved them to bring anything for the work..."
- **36:2-7** - Moses called for the craftsmen, and "everyone whose heart moved him" came to do the work.

- ***Generous giving comes from a heart that has been changed by His mercy and grace.***
 - ***Has yours?***

Proverbs 11:24 – 25

24 One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

25 Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

Notice the Repeated Emphasis on the People's Obedience:

- Remarkably, some twenty times we read that the Israelites did exactly what God commanded them to do (See **39:1,5,7,21,26,29,31,32,42,43**; **40:16,19,21,23,25,26,27,29,32**).
 - We see Moses' and the people's total obedience to God's instructions.

Exodus 40:35 is a Narrative Setup for the next book of the Bible:

Leviticus 9:22 – 23a

22 Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings.

23 And Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting...

"The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin..."