



Let Our Face Shine

EXODUS 34

The Shining Face

- ▶ Jesus was not the only one to have His face shine (Matt. 17:2). Here Moses did too, but why?
- ▶ (v.29) Moses' face was shining because he “had been **talking** with God”
- ▶ How is your daily talk with God?
- ▶ It was not just Moses talking to God, but God was also **revealing Himself** to Moses (v.6-7)
- ▶ And why is this important for us today?



We Are the Light of the World

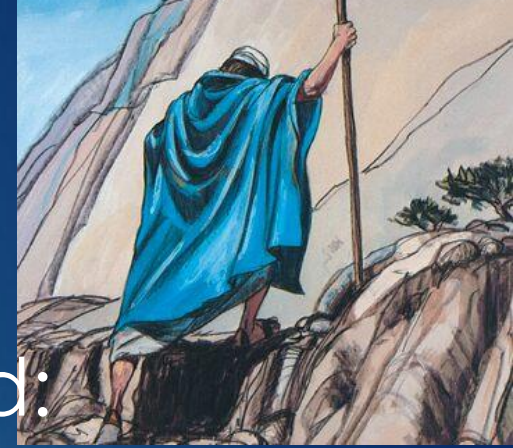
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- ▶ (Matt. 5:14-16) Jesus is the **Light** of the World, and so are we. We are called to shine.
- ▶ Often we talk about **how** to shine, but in Exodus we learn that our light is from the Lord (where), specifically in communication with Him
- ▶ “of the world” implies that we are the **source** of God’s light in the world and should bring the light to the world (Phil. 2:15)

1. Climb to Talk to God

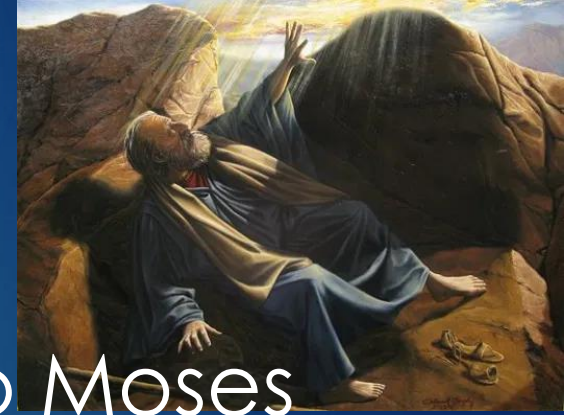
- ▶ There are two parts in communicating with God: we talk to God and God talks to us
- ▶ First, in obedience Moses needed to **climb** the mountain to talk to God
- ▶ There was energy and sweat involved in climbing
- ▶ Moreover, Moses **prepared** two empty tablets for God to write on. Is your heart ready for God too?
- ▶ Both **labour** and **humility** are required for prayer



Exodus 34:6-7

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "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, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

2. The Lord The Lord



- ▶ Moses didn't just talk to God, God spoke to Moses too. He **revealed** Himself to Moses (v.6-7).
- ▶ There are only a handful of times the Lord called on someone by **repeating** their name. Here the Lord repeats His own name as the LORD.
- ▶ On one hand He is God-Merciful (Psa. 86:15)
- ▶ On the other hand He visits our iniquity (Exo. 20:5-6)
- ▶ With **Christ** and the cross we can see both in God

Moses Covered His Face



- ▶ “Afraid to come near Him” but why? (v.30)
Were they just being intimidated by Moses?
- ▶ Moses was not ashamed of the **word of God**, and didn't hide his face as he preach (v.31-32)
- ▶ (v.33-35) Practically, he also allowed people to be comfortable around him (Do you?)
- ▶ There is a **spiritual significance** of the veil too (2 Cor. 3:13-18)

Conclusion



- ▶ We are called to **shine** in the world (Matt. 5:14-16)
- ▶ It is our **prayer** life that allows us to shine like Moses
- ▶ Are you willing to **labour** to be closer with God?
- ▶ Are you **humble** enough for God to write on your heart? And to reveal Himself through His word?
- ▶ When is the time to proclaim the truth and the time to wear a veil?
- ▶ Let us thank God for He is both **merciful** and **just**