

Bible Study
Exodus 34
THE LORD RENEWS HIS COVENANT

1. The Replacement Stone Tablets (34:1-4)

2. The LORD shows Moses His glory (34:5-7)

- V.6. “And the LORD passed before him [just like He said He would in 33:22-23 – Moses is in the cleft – a narrow space – of the rock], and proclaimed, The LORD, the LORD God, ...” merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth.”

- Moses prayed, “Show me Your glory,” and God answered by saying, “I will make all my goodness pass before you.”

- God’s attributes can be gathered under two major headings: His greatness and His goodness. The attributes in 34:6-7 fall under God’s goodness.

God’s goodness

Merciful and Gracious

Longsuffering

Goodness and truth

Keeping mercy for thousands.

Forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

By no means clear the guilty

- How can God forgive sin and not overlook sin at the same time?

- God does not punish children for the sins of their parents (Deut. 24:16; Ezek. 18:20; John 9:1-3), “except for the sin of our covenant head, Adam (Rom. 5:12, 18). However, children imitate their parents, and those who hate God often raise children who hate God and fall under the same punishment (Ex. 20:5; 34:7). We need not fear our past if we are in Christ. The blood of Christ redeems us from the futile ways of wicked ancestors (1 Peter 1:18-19), blessing our offspring to thousands of generations (Deut. 7:9)” (*Reformation Heritage Bible*).

3. Moses Again asks God to go with Israel (34:8-9)

4. Covenant Renewal (34:10-28)

- Vv.10-11: The Lord now announces that He is renewing His covenant with Israel.
- Vv.12-17: A warning against treaties with the Canaanites (34:12-16)
- V.18: The law regarding the Feast of Unleavened Bread is repeated (see 12:2-20 and 23:15).
- Vv.19-20: The laws of the first-born are repeated (see 13:11-15).
- V.21: The Sabbath law is briefly summarized.
- Vv.22-26: The laws for the three major feasts are repeated (see 23:14-19).
- Vv.27-28: Moses puts the renewal of the covenant in writing.

5. Moses' Face Reflects God's Glory (34:29-35)

- In 2 Cor. 3:3-18, the New Testament interprets and applies the shining of Moses' face.