

## GOD'S PRESENCE

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“An evangelical revival is an extraordinary work of God in which Christians repent of their sins as they become intensely aware of His presence in their midst, and they manifest a positive response to God in renewed obedience to the known will of God, resulting in both a deepening of their individual and corporate experience with God, and an increased concern to win others to Christ”. Elmer Towns, Cofounder of Liberty University.

**EX. 33:1-23 MSG** - Things we can learn about God's Presence:

- 1.) Can be dangerous – the plan was to save them so they could live close to God. God is Holy, they were sinful, and God knew His Holy Presence would kill them.
- 2.) Demands humility - **EX. 33:4-6 ESV** Because of pride, or because they used jewelry to construct the molten calf.
- 3.) Creates worship – **EX 33:10 ESV** - No one has to be told to worship when God's presence manifests.
- 4.) Involves intimacy - **EX. 33:11 ESV** - “Face to Face” refers to intimate fellowship, not him seeing God's face.
- 5.) Requires favor – **EX. 33:12-13 ESV** God's presence begins with His favor. God's favor on Moses resulted in God showing him His glory.
- 6.) Gives rest – **EX. 33:14 ESV** - The promised land was where God would bless them and give them rest. Peace and a cessation from war.
- 7.) God's presence is necessary – **EX. 33:15-16 ESV** It's a bad idea to go anywhere without God.
- 8.) God's presence reveals His glory – **EX. 33:17** God's presence was everything to Israel: identity, survival, success, power, provision, etc.

**Conclusion:** Exodus laid the foundation for what was to come in the New Covenant. Sin robbed them of God's presence but not His promise. Sin can't rob us because of the Blood of Jesus (**1 JOHN 1:7-9**). God's presence is necessary to accomplish His work. He never leaves us.