

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

December 10, 2025

Exodus 33:7ff

Introduction:

1. God caused His goodness to pass before Moses by proclaiming His character.
2. Most of His attributes focus on His compassion (Ex. 34.6,7)
3. God is also a God of righteousness demanding an accounting for sin. (Rom. 11.22)

I. THE CONDITION OF FORGIVENESS

A. Who are the guilty?

1. **Exodus 34.7:** *“by no means clearing the guilty...”*
2. “Guilty” (v’nakkeh lo yenakkeh): Literally, “Clearing, He will not clear”
3. Emphatic to convey certainty. (Ex. 33.35; Josh. 24.19)
4. His justice negates the concept of cheap grace. (Luke 14.33)

B. Three words which define guilt before God. (Ex. 34.7)

1. Iniquity (awon): “crooked, perversion” [Mounce] (2 Pet. 2.20-22)
2. Transgression (pesa): “rebellion” [Mounce] (cf. Heb. 3.16)
3. Sin (hata): “missing the mark” [Mounce] (cf. 1 John 5.17)

C. Not a contradiction but a condition.

1. Principle of forgiveness. (Ps. 34.18; Prov. 28.13; Isa. 66.2)
2. Application of forgiveness. (1 Kings 21.27-29; 2 Kings 22.18-20; 2 Cor. 7.10)

II. THE CONSEQUENCE OF SIN

A. The consequences of sin extend to future generations.

1. **Exodus 34.7:** *“visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children...”*
2. How did their sin affect their children? (Num. 14.17-19,20-23,31-33)

B. Two consequences that are passed on to your children.

1. The consequence of suffering. (Lam. 5.7; Gen. 3.16-19)
2. The consequence of influence. (Ezek. 16.44,45; Rom. 5.12)

C. Consequences vs. Culpability.

1. **Ezekiel 18.1-3:** Israel complained that they were innocent victims.
2. **Ezekiel 18.4-18:** God calls for personal responsibility.
3. **Ezekiel 18.19-29:** Israel accused God of being unfair.
4. **Ezekiel 18.30-32:** *“Therefore, I will judge you...Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin.”*

III. THE COMPULSION OF MOSES

A. Moses was compelled to worship.

1. **Exodus 34.8:** *“So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth”*
2. Knowing God’s compassion and justice moves us to worship. (Heb. 12.28,29)

B. Moses appealed to God’s grace. (Ex. 34.9)