

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

November 19, 2025

Exodus 33:12-23

Introduction:

1. Contextual flow: After the incident with the golden calf, God commands Moses to lead the children of Israel to the land of promise. (Ex. 33.1-3)
2. Key word: Repeatedly, we will read the word "Presence" (cf. Isa. 63.9; Judges 6.22)
 - a) Presence (Heb. pana): "front, face, appearance, countenance, presence"
 - b) **Isaiah 63.9:** *"the Angel of My Presence"* Representation. (cf. Ex. 3.2,14,15)
3. Central thought: *"My Presence will go with you..."* (Ex. 33.14).

I. PERSONAL

- A. Moses had a personal relationship with God.
 1. **Exodus 33.11:** *"So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend."* (cf. Ex. 33.9; Num. 12.8; Deut. 5.4; 34.10)
 2. **Exodus 33.12:** *"I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight."* Does God know your name? (John 10.3,14)
- B. Moses speaks boldly with God.
 1. God would not be with the people, but he would send an angel. (Ex. 33.2,3)
 2. **Exodus 33.12:** *"See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me."*

II. PROMISE

- A. Moses makes a request.
 1. **Exodus 33.13:** *"show me now Your way that I may know You"*
 2. **Exodus 33.13:** *"consider that this nation is Your people."* (Ex. 32.7; 33.1)
 3. **Exodus 33.15,16:** *"If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here."* Moses did not want to go unless God was with him. (Ex. 19.5,6)
- B. God answered Moses' request.
 1. **Exodus 33.14,17:** *"My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."*
 2. The relationship with Israel is restored. (Ex. 34.8,9; cf. Heb. 3.17)

III. PROTECTION

- A. Moses sees the glory of God.
 1. **Exodus 33.18:** *"Please, show me Your glory."* Lit., "spender." (Ex. 34.5-7)
 2. **Exodus 33.19:** *"I will make My goodness pass before you"* (Neh. 9.25)
 3. **Exodus 33.19:** *"I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious"* (Rom. 9.15ff)
- B. God protects Moses from His presence.
 1. **Exodus 33.20-23:** God places Moses in the cleft of the rock.
 2. No one can see God. (1 Tim. 6.16; John 1.18)
 3. What did Moses see? (Gen. 22.30; Num. 12.8; Deut. 4.15,16; 5.24)