

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

November 26, 2025

Exodus 33:18

Introduction:

1. Exodus 33 find Moses making a series of requests.
 - a) **Exodus 33.13:** *"show me now Your way, that I may know You"*
 - b) **Exodus 33.13:** *"And consider that this nation is Your people."*
 - c) **Exodus 33.15:** *"do not bring us up from here."*
2. Moses makes what is perhaps one of the most significant requests to God: *"Please, show me Your glory"* (Exodus 33.18)

I. THE GLORY OF GOD

- A. **Exodus 33.18:** *"Please, show me Your glory."*
 1. Glory (kabod): Literally, "heaviness; riches, importance." The former implies the latter. (cf. Gen. 31.1; 1 Kings 3.13)
 2. **Exodus 33.19:** *"Then He said, 'I will make all My goodness pass before you'"*
 - a) The glory of God is seen in His goodness.
 - b) Goodness (tob): "Prosperity, blessing, well-being." (cf. Neh. 9.25)
- B. How is the goodness of God manifested?
 1. **Exodus 33.19:** *"and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you."*
 2. **Exodus 33.19:** *"I will be gracious...and I will have compassion"*
 3. Only God decides who will receive His mercy. (Rom. 9.14,15; Jonah 4.1-3)

II. THE PROTECTION OF GOD

- A. **Exodus 33.20-23:** God protects Moses from His essence
 1. **Exodus 33.20:** *"No one can see Me and live."* (cf. Gen. 32.30).
 - a) No one can see the unmediated essence of God. (1 Tim. 6.16; John 1.18)
 - b) Those who saw God saw His representation. (Num. 12.8; Deut. 4.15,16; 5.24)
 2. **Exodus 33.21-23:** *"Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."* The idea is the wake or aftermath.
 3. What did Moses see?
 - a) **Exodus 34.5:** *"proclaimed the name of the LORD."*
 - b) **Exodus 34.6,7:** The glory of God is seen in His mercy, grace, longsuffering, goodness, truth, forgiveness, and righteousness.
- B. Will we see the glory of God?
 1. The glory of God is manifested in His creation. (Ps. 19.1; Matt. 5.45; Acts 14.17)
 2. The glory of God is seen in the person of Jesus. (2 Cor. 4.6; John 3.16)
 3. The glory of God is shown to us in His blessings. (John 11.40)
 4. **1 John 3.1-3:** *"We shall see Him as He is"*