

most important message: Beholding the glory of our Savior provides assurance to His people. When the saved look upon God, hope is engendered and grace is witnessed.

About 1500 years after Moses, the apostle John wrote about Jesus, "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth." When Jesus walked among men in the first century, their eyes were allowed to gaze upon pure and limitless grace embodied. They beheld the glory of God!

"Show me Your glory," ought to be our prayer.

Oh, we should not anticipate that God is going to answer us in the same miraculous manner as He did Moses. God, after all, is not bound to answer supernaturally when naturally would do just as well.

However, His glory we can see through His word. We can learn of God who is ready to forgive those who are ready to trust and obey. "Show us Your glory!" We can witness the loving hand of God in providence as He answers our prayers and manipulates the affairs of men for our spiritual benefit. "Show us Your glory!" We can enjoy the peace that will settle in our hearts as we increase our private meditations with Him. "Show us Your glory!"

My fellow Christian, ask to see God's glory today...seek Him...and be rewarded! --Floyd



- September**
- 3 Teacher Exchange
 - 4 Office Closed
 - 5 Ladies Bible Class
 - 6 J.D.'s Class
 - 10 Elders/Deacons Meeting Old Kitchen Fellowship Groups
 - 11 Elders Meeting Monday Night for the Master
 - 12 Ladies Bible Class
 - 13 Youth Led Service
 - 18 Elders Meeting
 - 17 Youth Devo at Rodriguez house.
 - 19 Ladies Bible Class
 - 20 Golden Doers Breakfast at Aldridge Café 4th-6th Gr. Devo Jr. High room
 - 24 Family Devo Lowe's house
 - 25 Elder's Meeting Yellow House Monday Night for the Master
 - 26 Ladies Bible Class

Stringtown Preaching Assignment:
Sunday, September 3rd
 Bobby Johns
 Jim Begin
September 10th
 Ken Roper
 Wade Sumpter, Sr.

September Contribution Counters:
 Tommy Vass, Wayne King, Coleman Pennington, Charles Yahola

Sunday AM	September 3rd	September 10th
Opening Prayer	Scott Estes	Jack Frye
Scripture Reading	David Dirrim	Pete Duncan
Prayer - Bread	Jeff Butler	Jim Begin
North 2	George Patterson	David Rodriguez
North 3	Justin Nail	Jim Vercelli
North 4	Josh Nail	Josh Vires
Prayer - Fruit	Jerry Miller	Butch Platt
South 2	Eugene Cannon	Richard Stone
South 3	J.D. McNutt	Wib Scroggins
South 4	Bill Morgan	Jarrold Tollett
Alternate 1	Donnie Meaders	Tommy Vass
Alternate 2	Matthew Lowe	Kyle Wilson
Balcony 1	Steve McWilliams	Darrell Nemecek
Balcony 2	Tommy Myers	Byron Rowsey
Closing Prayer	Jack Frye	Elmer Gerth
Song Leader	Ben Finley	Richard Howard
Bus Driver	Kyle Wilson	Greg Chilcoat
Attendance Count	Elmer Gerth	Chad Griffinburg
Usher - North	Dakota Blackwell	Derek Cooper
Usher - Center	Tyler Bynum	Devin Cooper
Usher - South	Hunter Fulton	Dawson Hendricks
Nursing Home	Gene Albright	Bill Barrett
Nursing Home	Greg Chilcoat	Caleb Estes
Nursery Attend	Jennifer Wingard	Mary Jo Whitwell
Sunday Night	September 3rd	September 10th
Scripture Reading	Donnie Meaders	Josh Nail
Bread	Greg Hatton	Roy Long
Fruit	Dylan Hendricks	John Lee
Contribution	Kurt Gilliam	Garett Hatton
Opening Prayer	James Byers	John Bynum
Closing Prayer	Charles Yahola	Bradley Butler
Song Leader	John Bynum	Ben Finley
Bus Driver	Billy Palmer	Keith Ailey
Wednesday	September 6th	September 13th
Bus Driver	Eugene Cannon	David Hendricks
Announcements	Dusty Dennis	David Rodriguez
Song Leader	Tommy Paul	YLW
Invitation	Bobby Johns	YLW
Closing Prayer	Brad Butler	YLW

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The Southwesterner



"Show Me Your Glory!"

In Exodus 33 the story is recorded of Moses' struggle as a mediator between God and the Israelites and how he sought reassurance from the Divine Presence.

God's description of Israel was that they were an obstinate people (NASV, verses 3, 5). They grumbled from the very beginning of their flight from Egypt (see Exodus 14:11). Their ingratitude and lack of faith caused God to declare to Moses that His Presence would not be with them as they entered the Promised Land. He said that He would instead send an angel who would drive out the inhabitants of Canaan before them (verse 2).

Why would God send an angel in His place?

It was because God was afraid that He might destroy them on the way (verse 3). They had drawn from the pool of God's patience and mercy so often that the pool was about empty— even God's patience has its limits. One more word of discontent from Israel might be one too many. God's presence was a danger to their very existence.

Moses intervened. He entered the tent of meeting where he conversed with God just as a "man speaks to his friend" (verse 11). There he prayed, "If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here. For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?" (verses 15, 16).

To Moses' plea, God answered, "I will also do this of which you have spoken" (verse 17).

God explained that it was because of the favor that Moses had found with God that He answered his request. (Favor with God is a requirement for anyone's prayer to be heard.)

Putting ourselves in Moses' place at this point is not difficult. He felt unsure of the future. After putting his trust in God to spare the people, would they still test God's goodness to the breaking point? Would he travel the distance only to see his people perish? Would God be there for Moses? For Israel?

It was here that Moses made a profound request of God. He said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!" (Exodus 33:18). Moses knew that if his eyes could but gaze upon the actual being of God, he would then behold with his senses the very goodness and compassion of the Almighty (see verse 19). Seeing would be believing; believing would be consoling.

Since no man could behold the face of God and live (see 33:20), God put Moses in the cleft of the rock and covered him with His hand. When the hand was removed, Moses saw only the back of God, but it was enough. His eyes beheld enough pure goodness and compassion that his faith was secured.

It was this story that inspired the great hymnist, Fanny Crosby, to write, "A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, a wonderful Savior to me; He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, where rivers of pleasure I see."

While many questions may be raised about this story, Fanny Crosby captured the

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Sunday

Bible Classes: 9 a.m.
 Morning Assembly: 10 a.m.
 Evening Assembly: 5 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class: 10 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

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