

Exodus Chapter 34 Commentary

Ex 34:1 ¶ "And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest." We remember that God made and wrote upon the two tables of stone which Moses broke. Now, God tells Moses to make two tables of stone, like the two God had made, and God will write upon them the same words that were on the first two tables of stone.

This tells us that God has provided means for men to make the bible book, but the writing within must be the same words that God has wrote. This is why we use the King James bible, believing, and having historical proof, that it is the words that God spoke, and not the words that men want to hear.

2 "And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount. 3 And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount. 4 And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone." God gave Moses one day to prepare the stones and himself to come up into the mount to present himself before the Lord. Notice that God told Moses to not bring anyone with him and not even let the flocks feed before the mount, which Moses did.

Whatever could this have to do with us today? God has given us the word he has written, and we have, instead of one day to prepare, the whole week to prepare to present ourselves before the Lord. Notice that Moses took the two tables of stone with him. This tells me when we go to church we ought to have God's written word with us, and we should present ourselves before the Lord, praying with open hearts, that God would make his written word be effectual in our minds, bodies, and souls, as God has told us in **Heb 10:16; 16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; 17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."**

I believe that we should meet with the assembled church with the expectation that God will present himself to us. If we go to be seen, or any other reason than to see and hear the name of the Lord, we are just hypocrites.

5 ¶ "And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. 6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, 7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation." We see that God did come down and meet with Moses, as God had said he would. God has given to us the same promise in **Mt 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."** God proclaimed his presence to Moses. What does God proclaim to us? **"The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth."**

Did you notice that both times "The" was capitalized? Demonstrating to us that there is only One LORD God. When the ministers of God come before the congregations of God's people, this should be their proclamation there is One True and Living God, **The LORD, The LORD God**, and that God is merciful, gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. That God keeps mercy for thousands and forgives their iniquity, transgressions, and sins. Why do God's people need to hear these particular truths? Because of what follows. **"The LORD God will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers and mothers to the third and fourth generation."** Now preacher, this is Old Testament and does not apply to us today. Do you really believe that? What are the duties, given by God, to mothers and fathers? **De 6:4-7; 4 ¶ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."** This text tells us plainly that parents, fathers and mothers both, are to teach their children the written words of God, not only by verbal means but by walking in demonstration. Why? First, that they may learn to fear and reverence **The LORD, The**

LORD God. Secondly that they may not depart from serving God with all their heart as seen in **Pr 22:6 ¶ "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."** This text does not just mean when they are old in age. It also means when they are mature, that is mature in the word of the Lord.

We are told in the New Testament: **Eph 6:1-4; 1 ¶ "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) 3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. 4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."** And in **Col 3:20-21; 20 "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. 21 Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged."** Consider the result of parents not raising their children in the nurture and admonition of The LORD God. The failure, of parents to teach their children in the nurture and admonition of **The LORD, The LORD God**, rears a generation of children with the bad example of not knowing **The LORD, The LORD God**, and not having fear of, and care for God. This generation will pass on what they learned from their parents to their children, and it continues to be passed down, except God intervene. This then, in the present day, is the iniquity of the fathers and mothers being visited upon their children to the third and fourth generation. Simply because the parents failed to do what God commanded, in raising their children in the nurture and admonition of The LORD God.

If you do not believe that this principle, of God "**visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation,**" is true, just look around at the world and the proliferation of all manners of ungodliness. The children did not learn this from **The LORD, The LORD God**, but rather, they learned these things from the lack of knowledge of **The LORD, The LORD God**. Understand, when we as parents fail to do our duty of teaching our children of **The LORD, The LORD God**, Satan immediately steps in and begins to lead them away from the truth of God. This is exactly why there is so much ungodliness in the world today.

Wherefore, we see the importance of the preparation of ourselves, to teach our children the words of **The LORD, The LORD God**. If we are not sufficiently prepared in the whole word of God, the devil will slip in, and we will teach them untruths being deceived by Satan ourselves. If we are not sufficiently prepared, how can we present ourselves to **The LORD, The LORD God**? If we can't properly present ourselves to **The LORD, The LORD God**, how shall we present our children to **The LORD, The LORD God**, and how shall our children present themselves before **The LORD, The LORD God**? How can we have the expectation that **The LORD, The LORD God** will reveal his presence to us, or to our children, and put His laws in our hearts and write them in our minds, as seen in **Heb 10:14-17; 16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; 17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."**

May we be faithful parents to our children that **The LORD, The LORD God** may continue to be "**merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, 7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin."** For if we are not, God will visit our children with our iniquity. Understand, that does not mean that we are going to have to pay for our own sin, of neglecting to teach our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, but the effects of our sin will be passed down to them.

Our only hope then, for ourselves, and our children, is for God to call us to meet him in the mount, the church, and to have the revelation of **The LORD, The LORD God**, in the form of Jesus Christ. For it is through the finished work of Jesus Christ, who paid the sin debt that we could not pay, that we receive this precious gift of the eternal remission of sins, and the call to come up to the mount to meet with **The LORD, The LORD God**.

However, we should also never forget that **The LORD, The LORD God** also said, "**and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.**" which has application to us here in time. People have been deceived by Satan to the point, they do not care that they are leading themselves, and their children, to the eternal lake of fire, where they will be eternally banished from the presence of **The LORD, The LORD God**.

Praise **The LORD, The LORD God**, and give thanks that **The LORD, The LORD God** made a way for us to be removed from the laws of eternal death in the lake of fire. Glory to the name of Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us, and our children, from all our iniquity, has given us the gift of eternal life in Christ, and has gone to prepare a place to receive us into eternity. Hallelujah! Praise, ye the Lord! Amen!

8 "And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped. 9 And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance."

Moses has made the two new tables of stone as God commanded him and gone back into the mount. God met Moses there and God proclaimed the name of the Lord, and God also proclaimed his attributes.

Moses hastily bows down before God and worships. Moses then begins to make intercessory prayer for the children of Israel. Moses prays that God will "*go among us*," Among means in the center. Moses is asking God to be the centerpiece of Israel so that all Israel could focus upon God and be reminded to not turn aside to idolatry again. Moses agrees that Israel is a stiffnecked people, which has already brought God's judicial wrath upon them. Moses asks God to pardon their iniquity. Moses asks God for Israel to be taken as his inheritance.

As kings and priests to God, we are in the same position as Moses. We are commanded to be leaders in the New Testament Church, and to our families and friends. How often do we recognize we are in the presence of God and bow and worship Him? How often do we go to God in intercessory prayer for the nation of God's people? How often do we go to God in prayer for our families? How often do we ask God "*go among us*" and be the center of our lives? How often do we request of God to make our families and kindred his inheritance? I must confess, with great shame, that I fail to do these things often. When things are going well for us, we tend to forget the needs of others and only pray for what we presently desire.

10 ¶ "And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou art shall see the work of the LORD: for it is a terrible thing that I will do with thee."

God accepts the intercessory prayer of Moses for Israel. God declares he will make a covenant with Israel to do great marvels in the earth. The first definition of marvels is distinguishing or separating. This tells us that even though the nation of Israel is a sinful people, God will distinguish them from other nations of the world as his own people. This is the perfect description of the New Testament Church, who are a sinful nation of people, who are separated from the nations of the world through the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Marvels also means doing wonderful and astonishing things. God says he will do these marvels before the nations who they are among, not heretofore been seen on earth. Why? To reveal to the other nations that God has chosen Israel to bear his name on the earth. God will in the future dry up Jordan for Israel to pass into the land of promise. God will make the walls of Jericho to fall down flat, and many other marvelous things.

When we are born again, God makes a covenant of eternal salvation with us, through Jesus Christ, and God performs marvels before us. What kind of marvels does God do before us. God brings us to the knowledge of our eternal life and salvation. The marvels that God performs are to reveal to us that we have been saved by God's grace, through Jesus Christ's finished work. God performs marvels by the implantation of the Holy Ghost in us, who continually reveals Jesus to us, if we adhere to the voice of God in us. He performs marvels before us in revealing himself, and Jesus, from the scriptures to us. He performs marvels whenever he creates bonds of fellowship and love between his children. And many other marvelous things God does for us.

11 "Observe thou that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. 12 Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: 13 But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves: 14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God: 15 Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice; 16 And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods. 17 Thou shalt make thee no molten gods."

Notice the order of how things will happen. God tells Israel, you obey my commandments, and I will drive out the inhabitants of the land of promise before thee. Does not God give us the same commandments when

we are brought to the knowledge of the gift of salvation that God has given us? After all, God said **Ex 20:3** *"Thou shalt have no other gods before me."* In the new birth, God drives out the enemies of our inherited sin nature that the Holy Spirit will have a sinless place to dwell. This is applied to the spiritual person of the new birth.

God warns them to make no covenant with the former inhabitants of the land of promise, but to utterly destroy the people, and their idols, so there is nothing left to turn Israel from obeying God. God warns them of eating things offered to idols if they do not utterly destroy the people and the idols.

Well, what about eating things offered to idols that God spoke of here? Let's look at the scripture in **1Co 5:8**; **1 ¶** *"It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. 2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. 3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, 5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. 6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? 7 ¶ Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."* Paul is warning the church to remove from fellowship, any person that is blatantly living in sin, so that they do not eat the Lord's Supper with a person who is blatantly living in sin, for this is an abomination to God, and a discredit to the holiness of God and his name. This is the same principle that God gave Israel.

God warns them: to not intermarry with the idolator's: Declaring if you do this, the daughters of the idolators will go whoring after their gods, and your sons in their fleshly lust will follow them.

This is why the church cannot allow worldliness and sinfulness into the church fellowship. We are not to be yoked to the world, but rather, we are to be yoked together in Christian fellowship. Is this not what God tells us in **2Ti 2:19-22**; **19 ¶** *"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. 22 ¶ Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."* Just as God was directing Israel to purge the land of promise, so God is directing us to purge our own minds, souls, and bodies when we are born again. This is a daily battle with children of God. This also applies to the church at large.

Praise God the Father, that He sent God the Son to die in our stead, and through His sacrifice we have eternal forgiveness of sins. Praise God, that he has indwelt us with the Holy Spirit, who will guide us in keeping the commandments of God, to the glory, honor, and praise of God's name. Thank you, King Jesus, for the wonderful marvel of sacrificing yourself on the cross, to bring eternal forgiveness of sins and eternal life unto us. Hallelujah! Amen!

18 ¶ *"The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib, thou camest out from Egypt. 19 All that openeth the matrix is mine; and every firstling among thy cattle, whether ox or sheep, that is male. 20 But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me empty."*

God reminds Israel to keep the feast of unleavened bread, the Passover Supper, at the time commanded, in remembrance that God brought them out of Egypt by his mighty hand in the month Abib.

God reminds them that all that open the matrix are mine, and every firstling that is male is God's. God reminds them of the need to redeem these firstlings of both man and beast.

This feast of unleavened bread speaks to us in several ways. First it tells us that God chooses whom he will to be redeemed by God's grace. Secondly, it reminds us that when we observe the Lord's Supper, the redeemed should partake in remembrance of Him, and Jesus Christ, who are one.

21 "Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest."

We have spoken on this verse several times before. God reminds Israel, even if it is harvest time, you are to observe the seventh day of rest. We know from scripture that Israel failed to do this many times and was brought under the judicial judgment of God for their failure. They were actually carried away captive for 490 years.

How would this apply to us today? It simply tells us that one day out of seven should be a day of rest unto the Lord. A day in which we give God glory, honor, and praise, for his many blessings. A day when we are to observe what we are told in **Heb 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."**

For the Jews, they observed this seventh day upon what our calendar calls Saturday. For us today, we observe the seventh day as Sunday, which is the day the Saviour arose from the tomb and met with his disciples. After this the disciples began meeting on Sunday and the church has continued to observe Sunday as the sabbath of rest.

22 "And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end. 23 Thrice in the year shall all your men children appear before the Lord GOD, the God of Israel. 24 For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the LORD thy God thrice in the year. 25 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning. 26 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk. 27 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel."

The Lord gave Israel commandment that three times a year all the males of Israel were to appear before the Lord. Did you notice the protection of God in attending these feasts? He told them that no person would desire their land the time they were gone from them to attend these feasts. He further commands that when they meet, they shall not use leaven. He further adds that of the food of these feasts, nothing shall be left till morning, but everything was to be consumed or burned with fire.

This tells us that as often as God's people meet to observe the Lord's Supper, they are to not use leaven. What would leaven be to God's people today. First it would be leaven added to the bread of the Lord's Supper. Second, it would be works of the flesh presented before the Lord at the Lord's Supper. After all, it is a time of remembrance of what God has done for us, not what we have done for God.

God told Moses that they were not to seethe a kid in its mother's milk. We believe this stems from the feast of idolators, who did practice this and then, they ate the meat claiming it was a delicacy and brought longevity of life among other ungodly actions.

28 ¶ "And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments."

Did you notice that it was not necessary for Moses to eat or drink during the forty days he was with God? We believe, the essence of God was all the sustenance Moses needed, while he was with God in the mount. We also believe that the presence of God, Christ in us, is our life sustaining food and drink. After all, we are to eat of the bread of life, which is Jesus Christ, the Word of God, as seen in **Joh 6:51 "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."** and drink of the fountain of living waters, as seen in **Joh 4:14 "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."** We have an example of this with Moses in the mount with God not eating or drinking, naturally, which is manifested to us when the gospel is being preached, and we are absorbed in the message of the Gospel, or when we are immersed in praise and worship in the song services, you do not experience natural hunger or thirst.

"And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments." This text seems to indicate that Moses wrote the Ten Commandments on the two tables of stone he had prepared by God's Command. However, we have scriptures that tell us that God did the writing the second time, just as He did the first time, seen in: **Ex 34:1 ¶ "And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest."** That God did the writing is confirmed in **De 10:4; 1 ¶ "At that time the LORD said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood. 2 And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark. 3 And I made an ark of shittim wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand. 4 And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them unto me."**

What application can this have for us today? Scripture teaches us in **Heb 8:10-13; 10 "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: 11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. 13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away."** This text clarifies to us that the law service was set aside with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who ushered in the age of Salvation by the Grace of God, and who laid the foundations of the New Testament Church. Jesus also gave us New Testament scriptures to exemplify how we are to live in this age of salvation by the grace of God, as seen in **Heb 8:10-11; "I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: 11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest."** This text teaches that we cannot cause a person to be saved eternally, as many people believe. When God has put his laws in their minds and written them in their hearts: then God can use us instrumentally to point the newborn souls to discipleship in Christ. Discipleship is making the public profession of faith in the finished work of Jesus, joining the New Testament Church, and being baptized in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

God wrote the commandments twice on the tables of stone. What does this mean to us? First, we would say that it shows that the Ten Commandments were applicable under the law service to God's people, and God's people broke every one of them. They broke them first in the first commandment **"thou shalt have no other gods before me"** by making the golden calf, which made Moses so angry that he threw down the first two tables of stone and broke them. Second, they are applicable to God's people, in this age of Grace, in the fact that they convince us of sin, as seen in **Ga 3:24 "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith."** Jesus came to earth, in the prepared body, and lived a sinless life complying to all the Ten Commandments, in their true meaning. Since Christ fulfilled the commandments, that fulfillment is imputed to us in the new birth. Their application to us is seen in **Ga 3:24-25; 21 "Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. 22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. 23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. 24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. 26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."** The law, the Ten Commandments, are what convince us of our sins, once the Holy Spirit inhabits our bodies, minds, and souls. Thus, convinced that we are sinners and that we cannot keep the Ten Commandments, we can only turn to Christ, our Redeemer, pleading his finished work, and his imputed righteousness to us, before God the Father. Praise! to our Saviour and Lord! for the fulfillment of the law, and the imputation of eternal forgiveness of our sins.

Do you remember where the second set of two tables of stone with the Ten Commandments were stored? They were in the ark of the covenant of God, which was covered by the mercy seat. The mercy seat being a type of Jesus Christ, and the place where God communicated with his people, was sitting over the two tables of stone so that they were enclosed in the ark of the covenant of God. This prophesied of the coming of Christ to earth and his fulfillment of the law, and his removing God's people from under the law commandments and lifted them up to his position on the mercy seat. This is the picture of the new birth in a Child of God. How, remember **Heb 8:13** *In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.*" Whether we be Jew or Gentile, in the new birth, we are given the new nature, the nature of Christ, and indwelt by the Holy Spirit power of God, which has power over the old inherited sin nature. Hallelujah!

29 "And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him. **30** And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. **31** And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them. **32** And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai. **33** And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face. **34** But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded. **35** And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him."

Moses did not know that his face shone, and neither do the children of God see their own face shining with the glory of God. Have you seen a Minister of the Gospel preaching God's truths, and there was a glow about them that is not seen at other times? The minister is not aware of it, but the people are. We believe that this is because Jesus is manifesting that He is present in the word of truth being preached, and the light of Christ is shining through them. Likewise, our own countenances should shine before one another and the world, that all may know that we are separated from the world. Remember, Christ tells us, **Mt 5:14** *"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."* Wherefore, we ask ourselves this question: does my countenance shine with the glory of God, or have I hid it under a bushel?

One other point we want to make on the face of Moses shining: Why did Moses's face shine? Because he had been in the presence of God. Now, we point out that both God, and Christ, commanded that we are to have no other gods before the LORD God. Thus, we see that being in the presence of God keeps us from breaking this commandment of God, and we absorb, and reflect, the light of Christ by being in the presence of God. This is a reminder to us today, to spend as much time as possible in the Word of God, in prayer to God, and thanksgiving to God and to Christ. It also reminds us that the commandments of God are a sword of defense for us.

However, we also see that when Moses was speaking to the people, he put a vail over his face, but when he talked with God, he removed the vail. Israel was not used to seeing the Holy Spirit of God residing upon a man. Here, it appears that Moses was not going back to the mount to speak with God, but rather, he is entering the tabernacle and speaking with God.

What does this say to us today? Do you remember the scripture in **2Co 3:12-18; 12 ¶** *"Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: 13 And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: 14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. 15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless, when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. 17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."* This text teaches us that God placed a vail upon the Old Testament scriptures, so that Israel could not comprehend the fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, nor comprehend that Jesus was coming twice. When the age of Salvation by Grace came, for both Jew and Gentile, who are born again, that veil is taken away, that they might behold the

glory of the Lord, and see Jesus Christ, by faith, once crucified, now risen and exalted, seated upon the throne of God, in and from the king James Bible, the Word of God.

We also find **1Co 13:11-12; 11** ***"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."*** Even in this age of Grace, we cannot fully comprehend the full glory of God, even though the veil is taken away in the new birth. However, we shall behold the fulness of the glory of God, and Christ, in the resurrection of the dead in Christ, and the change of those who are alive and remain. Then our resurrected bodies will shine with the glory of the Lord. To which we say, Hallelujah! Glory to God, forever, Amen!