

We Need God!

Exodus 34:1-9

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Exodus 33:18 (ESV)

Moses said, "Please show me Your glory."

Exodus 34:4 (ESV)

So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone.

Exodus 34:5 (ESV)

The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord.

Exodus 34:6 (ESV)

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

Exodus 34:7 (ESV)

keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

Preparation

Exodus 34:1 (ESV)

The Lord said to Moses, "Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke.

Exodus 34:2 (ESV)

Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to Me on the top of the mountain.

Exodus 34:3 (ESV)

No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain."

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Proclamation

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Our God is Compassionate.

Exodus 34:6 (ESV)

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful ...”

Psalms 103:13 (ESV)

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.

Our God is Gracious.

Exodus 34:6 (ESV)

“... a God merciful and gracious ...”

Our God is Patient.

Exodus 34:6 (ESV)

“... slow to anger ...”

2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)

The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

Our God is Loving.

Exodus 34:6 (ESV)

“... slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love ...”

Our God is Faithful.

Exodus 34:6-7 (ESV)

“... abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands ...”

Our God is Forgiving.

Exodus 34:7 (ESV)

“... forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin ...”

Our God is Just.

Exodus 34:7 (ESV)

“... but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”

Praise

Exodus 34:8 (ESV)

And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

Prayer

Exodus 34:9 (ESV)

And he said, “If now I have found favor in Your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for Your inheritance.”

Psalms 86:15 (ESV)

But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Psalms 103:8 (ESV)

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Joel 2:13 (ESV)

Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster.

Jonah 4:2 (ESV)

And he prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that You are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.

John 1:14 (ESV)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.