

# 7 Elements of Restorative Revival

## Exodus Chapter 33

### Exd 33:1 1) God Tests Israel v. 1 - 3

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Depart, go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up from the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your descendants I will give it.'"

Exd 33:2 "I will send an angel before you and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite.

Exd 33:3 "{Go up} to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, because you are an obstinate people, and I might destroy you on the way."

Desiring the Person of God more important than the Blessings of God.

- God tells Moses and Israel that He will keep his word that He swore to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- He will deliver them to a promised land
- He will demonstrate His power in driving out the Canaanites.
- But He tells them that He will not be with them as before. His presence will not be with them as before.
- Commentators have stated that this is a challenge to the nation is see if God is cherished verses if the blessings of God are cherished. If Israel receives all that is promised yet loses His presence, and doesn't object than all they are concerned about is the blessing.
- "To be given every other blessing is of no value if God is not with you. What is the value of Canaan? What is the value of milk and honey? What is the value of having possessions, if God was not with them? They saw that the realization of the presence of God, having this fellowship and company, was infinitely more important than everything else." (Lloyd-Jones)

### Exd 33:4 2) Israel Passes Test v. 4 - 6

When the people heard this sad word, they went into mourning, and none of them put on his ornaments.

Exd 33:5 For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the sons of Israel, 'You are an obstinate people; should I go up in your midst for one moment, I would destroy you. Now therefore, put off your ornaments from you, that I may know what I shall do with you.'"

Exd 33:6 So the sons of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments, from Mount Horeb {onward.}

Being concerned for the matters of the heart rather than the matters of the flesh.

- Israel passes the test. Israel mourns because the presence of God will not be the same. They will still have the blessings but not the presence.
- God tells them to take off their ornaments. They were not concerned about outward appearance but they were concerned about matters of the heart.
- They were humbling of themselves before the Lord.

### Exd 33:7 3) Separated for Worship v. 7 - 11

Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, a good distance from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting which was outside the camp.

Holiness: seeking God and leaving the crowd to do it.

- Moses pitches a tent outside the camp. This is not the tabernacle. It has not been built yet.
- Moses called it the tent of meeting.
- If the Israelites wanted to meet with God they needed to separate themselves from others to meet Him.

Exd 33:8 And it came about, whenever Moses went out to the tent, that all the people would arise and stand, each at the entrance of his tent, and gaze after Moses until he entered the tent.

- Moses would go to meet the Lord at the tent.
- Everyone would watch.
- God's presence would meet Moses there.

Exd 33:9 Whenever Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent; and the LORD would speak with Moses.

Exd 33:10 When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would arise and worship, each at the entrance of his tent.

Worshipping  
God in your  
own home

- As the leader sought the fruit was found in the people. They worshipped the Lord.
- The knowledge that God was still meeting them through Moses caused the people to Worship.
- The people in our churches need to see the leaders seeking God.
- The people worshipped God in their own tent. God isn't just at the church but is part of their home life.

Exd 33:11 Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

- The Lord speaks intimately with Moses. "Face to Face" This is not as you think meaning that they looked at each other as they spoke, but it is a manner of conversation of honesty, openness and vulnerability. "Face to Face" means "without distance". Notice in verse 20 says no man can see his face and live.
- 1 John 4:12 "No one has seen God at any time"
- Joshua shows his diligence to the things of God.

Exd 33:12 **4) Moses Presses for Understanding** v. 12 - 14

Having  
leadership that  
prays and  
presses in for  
understanding  
of God's word.

Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people!' But You Yourself have not let me know whom You will send with me. Moreover, You have said, 'I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.'

- We see an example of "Face to Face Speaking".
  - God had spoken His Word. In this instance God said Bring them up, I'll send an angel
  - But Moses has questions. So he asks God about the questionable points.
- Based upon a relationship (favor) Moses presses and asks again in verse 13 for understanding.

Exd 33:13 "Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight. Consider too, that this nation is Your people."

Exd 33:14 And He said, "My presence shall go {with you,} and I will give you rest."

- Remember that Moses is asking who will you send with us. God said an angel.
- God answers Moses' question—"My presence will go" and there you will have rest.
- Jeremiah 6:16 "Thus says the LORD, "Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, Where the good way is, and walk in it; And you will find rest for your souls."
- Matthew 11:29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS."

Exd 33:15 **5) Moses Requests Uniqueness** v. 15 - 17

Then he said to Him, "If Your presence does not go {with us,} do not lead us up from here.

Exd 33:16 "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?"

Desiring to be  
distinguishable  
from all other  
people.  
And that  
distinguishable  
mark being God  
with us.

- Moses again is willing to sacrifice a promise of God for the presence of God. In chapter 32 Moses has told God to blot his name out of the book to save the children of Israel.
- Moses is saying he would rather stay here with God than go to the Promised Land without Him.
- Moses knows that the presence of God is what makes them "God's People". It is God's presence that demonstrates God's favor, not the blessings and not having a heritage and a story.
- Psalm 84:10 "For a day in Your courts [is] better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness."

Exd 33:17 The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight and I have known you by name."

Exd 33:18 **6) Moses Presses for Personal Revival** v. 18 - 23

Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!"

- This "Face to Face" conversation is going very well for Moses.
  - Chapter 32:30-35 Moses intercedes and Israel's life is spared.
  - Verses 7-11 God meets with Moses in a special way.
  - Verses 12-14 Moses asks For God's presence and is promised it (individually)
  - Verses 15-17 Moses asks for God's presence and receives it (nationally)
- So with the roll he is on Moses asks for the whole enchilada. To See God's Glory.
- Moses seemingly could have asked for anything. It comes down to Moses seeing God's Glory. Not wisdom, joy, fulfillment, success, health. It is God's Glory Moses needed more than anything else.

Exd 33:19 **And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion."**

Restorative  
Revival is  
personally  
seeing God  
Glorified.

- God defines for Moses what His glory is. It is His goodness.
- Goodness = Hebrew " *tawb*" - that which is good or the best

Exd 33:20 **But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!"**

Exd 33:21 **Then the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand {there} on the rock;**

Exd 33:22 **and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by.**

- God defines His goodness.
  - God will provide a rock for you to stand on
  - God will place you in the solid cleft of the rock to secure you
  - God will you with His hand to protect you
  - God will let you see just enough of Him that will do you the best and not do you harm.

Exd 33:23 **"Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."**

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