

“IMMANUEL OR BUST!”
Exodus 33:1-23 // April 19, 2026 AM

God's presence is the preeminent blessing of the covenant, apart from which every lesser blessing becomes a curse.

I. In holy *displeasure*, the Lord *relinquishes* the promise of His presence (vv. 1-11).

II. In holy *pleasure*, the Lord *renews* the promise of His presence (vv. 12-23).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why do people who get everything they wanted in the world not end up satisfied? Where can true satisfaction be found?
2. If God will fight Israel's enemies and give them Canaan, is it really that big of a deal for Him to dwell with them?
3. What was the tent of meeting, and why does the inspired narrator tell us about it in vv. 7-11?
4. What does it mean for God to speak face to face with Moses? How is that different from Moses seeing God's face?
5. What arguments does Moses make for why God must go with them and dwell in their midst?
6. God answered Moses because of His pleasure in Moses. How does this point forward to Jesus Christ?
7. Though what Moses saw on Sinai was great, how is the revelation of God that we have even better?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Does my own heart view the Giver as a means to the end of His gifts or His gifts as means to the end of the Giver? Why does this matter supremely?
2. What is the great blessing of the gospel, and how might I share that with an unbelieving friend or neighbor using Exodus 33?
3. Do I have a restless longing for more of God like Moses? Is it driving me to Christ in whom the fullness of God is revealed?