Show Me Your Glory

Israel’s journey from slavery in Egypt to rest in Canaan includes many divinely designed parallels with the Christian’s journey through the world. God has redeemed us from slavery to sin. He leads us through the wilderness of this world to our rest in Christ.

**We need to know that the Lord of glory is near us in the wilderness.**

**1. Sin *disrupts* a sense of God’s presence**

Exodus 33:1-3

**2. Repentance *restores* a sense of God’s presence**

Exodus 33:4-7

**3. A vision of God’s glory *transforms* us**

Exodus 33:8-18; 34:29-30; 2 Corinthians 3:18

**4. A vision of God’s glory *sustains* us**

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

**5. God reveals His glory in the *gospel***

Exodus 34:5-10; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

**Concluding application.** In the wilderness journey of your life, seek above all to see the glory of Jesus:

Not as a *picture* in the imagination

But as the *light of truth* in the heart

**For additional study or family discussion**

1. What did the Lord say to you today through His word? Did you learn some new truth about God or yourself? Did the Lord challenge you, convict you, or encourage you?

2. What parallels between the wilderness journey of Israel and our journey through this world does the apostle Paul point out in 1 Corinthians 10:1-11?

vv. 1-2 with Exodus 14

v. 3 with Exodus 16 (see also John 6:48-51)

v. 4 with Exodus 17:1-7 & Numbers 20:2-12

v. 7 with Exodus 32:1-6

v. 8 with Numbers 25:1-9

v.9 with Numbers 21:4-9 (see also John 3:14-15)

3. How does Moses’ request to see God’s glory (Exodus 33:18) go above and beyond what he had already experienced in the following passages?

Exodus 3:1-6

Exodus 24:9-11

Exodus 24:18

Exodus 33:7-11

4. Regarding Exodus 33:2-4 Calvin says, “This, therefore, is the climax of all miseries to have God against us, whilst we are fed by His bounty.” Why is this such a great misery? Why are many people satisfied with the outward gifts and blessings of God apart from His presence and His favor?

5. It would be profitable for you to read Exodus 33-34 and then read 2 Corinthians 3-4. The temporary glory of the Old Covenant is represented by the fading glory of Moses’ face. The permanent glory of the New Covenant is seen in the unfading glory of the gospel of Christ.