

## **PREACHING AT BETHANY**

**18 JANUARY 2026**

**EXODUS 33 VS 15-16**

### **PRIORITIZE GOD'S PRESENCE OVER PROVISION**

THIS WAS AFTER GOLDEN CALF INCIDENT

MOSES BUILDS HIS PLEA ON GOD'S OWN PROMISE IN THE PREVIOUS VERSE. 33 VS 14  
'MY PRESENCE WILL GO WITH YOU AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST

- HE TAKES GOD AT HIS WORD
- HE SHOWS HIS FAITH ON GOD
- HE MADE HIS DESIRE TO BE KNOWN BY GOD
- HIS DIRECTION CAME FROM GOD
- HIS PURPOSE BECAME GOD'S PURPOSE
- HIS WILL BECAME GOD'S WILL

MOSES LEARNED THAT IT WAS MORE IMPORTANT WHO HE WENT WITH THAN WHERE HE WENT. VS 15

### **THE CHAPTER EMPHASIZES THE FOLLOWING THEMES**

1. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF GOD'S PRESENCE
2. THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERCESSION
3. THE CONSEQUENCE OF SIN AND GOD'S MERCY IN RESPONDING TO HIS PEOPLE
4. THIS PASSAGE POINTS TO JESUS CHRIST WHO IS THE FULL REVELATION OF GOD'S GLORY
5. IT POINTS US TO JESUS WHO SECURE THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF GOD WITH HIS PEOPLE

MOSES UNDERSTANDS THAT GOD'S PRESENCE IS ESSENTIAL FOR ISREAL IDENTITY AND SUCCESS. VS 16

### **THE KEY MEANINGS**

1. DIVINE PRESENCE AS ESSENTIAL
  - EMPHASIZES THAT GOD'S TANGIBLE PRESENCE IS THE ULTIMATE BLESSING MORE THAN ANY EARTHLY DESTINATION
2. DISTINCTION AND IDENTITY
  - MEANING GOD'S PRESENCE IS THE SOLE FACTOR THAT SETS ISREAL APART FROM ALL OTHER NATIONS THAT MAKE THEM TO BE UNIQUE

### 3. DEPENDENCE AND GUIDANCE

THIS IS TEACHING THAT TOTAL DEPENDENCE ON GOD FOR DIRECTION, SUCCESS AND PROTECTION IS BETTER THAN MOVING FORWARD WITHOUT HIM.

### 4. A PATTERN FOR BELIEVERS

THIS SERVES AS A MODEL FOR BELIEVERS TO SEEK GOD'S CONSTANT COMPANIONSHIP AND PRESENCE IN ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE

WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT HIS PRESENCE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE  
WHAT WE NEED TO LEARN ON THIS PASSAGE

- THE JOURNEY OF ISRAELITES MUST REMIND US THAT OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY REQUIRES A COMPLETE DEPENDENCE ON GOD WHO GUIDES AND SUSTAINS US
- THE PRESENCE OF GOD IS WHAT SETS HIS PEOPLE APART
- OUR IDENTITY AS CHRISTIANS IS ROOTED IN BEING PEOPLE WHO CARRY AND REFLECT GOD'S PRESENCE. ACTS 4 VS 13
- BETTER TO REMAIN IN THE DESERT WITH GOD THAN TO REACH CANAAN WITHOUT GOD

HOW THEN WILL IT BE KNOWN THAT YOUR PEOPLE AND I HAVE FOUND GRACE IN YOUR SIGHT, JOHN 14 VS 16-17.

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