

Exodus 33 VS 21 – 23

ENCOUNTERING GOD

IN THESE VERSES GOD PROVIDES

VS. 21. THE LOCATION

- GOD OFFERS A UNIQUE LOCATION BESIDE HIMSELF, SPECIALLY ON A ROCK
- THE ROCK WAS THE ONLY SAFE PLACE FOR MOSES
- THERE IS A PLACE OF SHELTER IN GOD'S PRESENCE A PLACE NEAR GOD

JUST AS MOSES WAS PUT IN THE CLEFT OF THE ROCK, WE HAVE BEEN UNITED WITH CHRIST

IT IS A GREAT BLESSING TO KNOW THAT GOD ALWAYS HAS A PLACE FOR US A PLACE OF PERFECT SECURITY AND COMPLETE SAFETY

THIS PLACE IS FOUND BY HIM AND IS NEAR HIM

VS. 22. INTIMATE (A LOCATION WITHIN A LOCATION)

- MOSES WAS NOT ONLY GIVEN A PLACE ON THE ROCK BUT EVEN IN THE ROCK.
- WE SEE A HOLY GOD INITIATING RELATIONSHIP WHILE SAFEGUARDING HIS SERVANT
- THIS SIGNIFIES GOD'S PROTECTIVE GRACE

GOD PUT MOSES IN A CLEFT OF THE ROCK AND COVERED HIM WITH HIS OWN HAND. THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE OF OUR POSITION IN CHRIST

VS. 23. LIMITED REVELATION

- GOD'S GOODNESS IS HIS GLORY
- HE WILL HAVE US TO KNOW HIM BY THE GLORY OF HIS MERCY

- UPON THE ROCK THERE WAS A FIT PLACE FOR MOSES TO VIEW THE GOODNESS AND THE GLORY OF GOD
- GOD'S GRACIOUS PROMISES AND MERCY TOWARDS US SHOULD NOT ONLY ENCOURAGE OUR FAITH BUT ALSO EXCITE OUR FERVENCY IN PRAYER
- THE ROCK WAS THE ONLY SAFE PLACE FOR MOSES, FOR OTHERWISE HE WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSUMED BY THE GLORY OF GOD

WHAT LESSONS WE LEARN FROM THIS PASSAGE

- THE ROCK IN HOREB WAS TYPICAL OF CHRIST THE ROCK, THE ROCK OF REFUGE, THE ROCK OF SALVATION, THE ROCK OF STRENGTH
- THE CLEFT MAY BE AN EMBLEM OF CHRIST AS SMITTEN, CRUCIFIED, WOUNDED AND SLAIN
- CHRIST IS OUR REFUGE, THERE IS A PLACE BY GOD.
- OUR PLACE NEAR GOD HAS BEEN PREPARED BY CHRIST
- JUST AS MOSES WAS SHOWN A PLACE ON THE ROCK WE HAVE FOUND A SURE FOUNDATION IN CHRIST, THE ROCK OF AGES
- HE IS THE ONE UPON WHOM OUR FAITH CAN BUILD, BOTH PERSONALLY AND COLLECTIVELY
- CHRIST IS THE CENTRE OF OUR WORSHIP AND WE COME TO GOD THROUGH HIM