

Focus passage: Exodus 34:27-35

27 And the Lord said to Moses, "Write these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel." **28** So he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

30 Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. **31** But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. **32** Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. **33** And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

34 Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, **35** the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

What stands out to you from this passage?

What was the cause of Moses' face shining? Why do you think the people feared this?

*Moses' face shone because he was in the presence of God's glory and he then radiated that for others to see. It was remarkable, but we see in 2 Corinthians, it has been surpassed. Read **2 Cor 3:7-18**.*

What is the ministry that brought death? And what is the ministry of the Spirit?

The new ministry is the new covenant we have because of Christ and is active in those who have received his Spirit. If we have the Spirit, how should we act? How are we like and unlike Moses?

*Do we take for granted the access we've been given to God because of Christ? Look to this passage to be reminded of one way that Christ has taken away the veil: **Luke 23:39-49***

Because the veil is lifted and the curtain that closed off the people from God's presence has been torn, we have access to God. What ways do we enter into his presence? What is a result of being in his presence (2 Cor 3:18)?

How can you apply this Scripture to your life?

