

Exodus 34: 6 & 7, God's Self Description

WHAT COMES BEFORE:

Exodus: Theme: _____ of Yahweh in rescuing and redeeming his people.
God _____ His _____ through miraculous signs and wonders.

Chapters 1-18: Exodus Israelites from Egypt

Chapters 19-24: The Law is given to Moses

Chapters 25-31: Tabernacle, furnishings, and Sabbath

Chapter 32: The golden calf EX 32:7 – God tells Moses Israelites have corrupted themselves
EX 32:10 – God “planned” to destroy Israelites
Ex 32:11-13 – Moses Intercedes for Israelites
EX 32:14 – God relents
EX 32: 15 & 16: Ten Commandments – God’s work
EX 32:19: Moses anger – breaks commandments

EX 33: 1-3 Comanded to Leave to the Land & God will not go with them

Ex 33: 4 Israelites mourn news

EX 33: 12-23: Moses intercedes

13) Moses Request: _____ me now your ways, that I may _____ you in order to find favor in your sight.

13-16) Request for _____.

17) God _____ Moses’ request.

18) Moses clarifies Request “Please _____ me your _____”.

19-23) God makes _____ for request

WHAT COMES AFTER:

Covenant Renewed with Moses. Resume Sabbath regulations (Ex 35:1). Construct Tabernacle, contents, priestly items (Ex 35:5). Glory Lord descending on the tabernacle (Ex 40:34-38).

Lord’s proclamation of his name & declaration of his character becomes the _____ confessional passage of the Old Testament (Nu 14:18; Neh 9:17, 31; Ps 86:15; 103:8, 17; 145:8; Jer 32:18-19; Jon 4:2, Joel 2:13).

Echos of self-revelation also appear in Deut 5:9-10; 1Kngs 3:6; Lam 3:32; Dan 9:4, Na 1:3

EX 34: 6& 7:

This text is the glue for the Old Testament holding together the _____ of Salvation for all mankind ultimately in the person of Jesus Christ.

CONFESSION: GLORY Proclaimed – The Lord (Jahweh), the Lord (Jahweh), God

Name proclaimed – in biblical times a person’s name was associated with their character & reputation.

Not a vision, but a description - Reveals several of His divine attributes

LOVE

Character – Who He Is (vs 6) - *Words continue as one thought*
Choice of and placement of every word.

Compassionate (Merciful) and Gracious

Significance listed 1st

Ryrie – grace make Christianity distinct from other religions.

Salvation by grace & governs & empowers Christian living.

Slow to Anger *Patient & Long-suffering*

Abounding in Loving-kindness (Steadfast love) & Truth (Faithfulness)

Takes this phrase along with the next to fully reveal that in his inmost being – God is love

Character – Action – What He Does (vs 7)

Keeps Steadfast Love for thousands

Forgives Iniquity, Transgression, and, Sin

If stopped here, God would leave his justice wanting and the potential that his grace would be perverted. Continues with solemn warning in next phrase!

JUSTICE

Character – What He Doesn't Do (vs 7)

Leave the Guilty Unpunished

Consequences

Children & Grandchildren

Extent

3rd & 4th generation

The confession describes the Lord's gracious character in preserving Israel as a whole for the sake of God's overall purpose and for sparing those individuals who look to him in true faith.

Jesus, God Incarnate (LOVE) of God in the flesh & JUSTICE of God in paying the penalty of sin.

God, since the beginning of creation in Genesis banished Adam & Eve from the Garden of Eden so that they would not eat of the Tree of Eternal Life – an all mankind be eternally separated from God in Physical and Spiritual Death.

God purposed to be patient and long-suffering for Jesus to come into the world @ just the right time.
God desires that none would perish, but that all would be saved! (2 Ptr 3:9)

God is a Loving God. God desires all people everywhere in all time to love him. God desires that we love others. God entrusts us with the Gospel (his plan of Salvation). God crafts our testimony – not for us alone – but in DRAWING others to Himself.

APPLICATION:

- 1) GLORY – God desires close, personal, intimated relationship. Do I?
- 2) LOVE – Flesh battles to love self not God, Compassion & Comfort Others?
Quick Listen, slow speak, slow anger (James) Sin=Conflict; God=Harmony
- 3) JUSTICE – Greatest need of People is God. Spiritual needs of least, last, & lost?
Bear burdens believers
- 4) Not able to “Compartmentalize” areas of life without God – All Pervasive

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ESV

6) “The LORD, the LORD, a God
Merciful and Gracious,
Slow to Anger, and
Abounding in Steadfast Love and Faithfulness,
7) Keeping Steadfast Love for Thousands,
Forgiving Iniquity, Transgression, and Sin,
But who will by no means clear the guilty,
Visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children,
to the third and the fourth generation.”

NASB

6) “The Lord, the LORD God
Compassionate and Gracious
Slow to Anger, and
Abounding in Loving-kindness and truth;
7) who Keeps Loving-kindness for Thousands,
Who Forgives Iniquity, Transgression, and Sin;
Yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished,
Visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and on the grandchildren
to the third and fourth generations.”

NIV

6) “The LORD, the LORD
The Compassionate and Gracious God
Slow to Anger,
Abounding in Love and Faithfulness,
7) Maintaining Love to Thousands,
And Forgiving Wickedness, Rebellion, and Sin.
Yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished;
He punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers
to the third and fourth generation.”

NLT

6) “Yahweh! The LORD! The God
of Compassion and Mercy
I am Slow to Anger
And filled with Unfailing Love and Faithfulness.
7) I lavish Unfailing Love to a Thousand Generations.
I Forgive Iniquity, Rebellion, and Sin.
But I do not excuse the guilty.

I lay the sins of the parents upon their children and grandchildren; the entire family is affected –
even children in the third and fourth generations.”

