

Face to Face

Exodus 33

3 ... for I **will not go up in the midst** (qereb) of thee; for thou art a **stiffnecked people: lest I consume thee in the way.**

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7 And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp.

8 And it came to pass, **when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, that all the people rose up, and stood** (nasab) **every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle.**

9 And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses.

10 **And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped** (saha), **every man in his tent door.**

11 **And the LORD spake unto Moses face** (paniym) **to face** (paniym), **as a man (iys) speaketh unto his friend** (rea). And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

12 And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, **I know** (yada) **thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight. (remembrance)**

13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found **grace in thy sight, shew** (yada) **me now thy way, that I may know** (yada) **thee, that I may find grace in thy sight:** and consider (ra'a) that **this nation is thy people.**

Qereb – among, within, inward part (as seat of thought/emotion)

Nasab – (military) – to take one's stand, be stationed

Saha – bow down, prostrate oneself in worship

Paniym – face, presence, heaviness, but also...

- **adv of loc/temp:** before and behind, toward, in front of, forward, formerly, from beforetime, before (PAST...)

Iys – man (in contrast to God), husband, steward

Rea – brother, companion, friend, husband, lover

14 And he said, **My presence** (paniyim) **shall go** (yalak) *with thee*, and **I will give thee rest** (nuah).

15 And he said unto him, **If thy presence go** (halak) **not with me, carry us not up hence.**

16 For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found **grace in thy sight**? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.

17 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing (dabar) also that thou hast spoken (dabar): for **thou hast found grace in my sight**, and **I know** (yada) **thee by name.** (confirmation of the promise spoken to Moses – Reminds me of Abraham with Sodom/Gomorrah)

18 And he said, I beseech thee, **shew** (ra'a) **me thy glory** (kabod).

19 And he said, I will make **all my goodness** (towb) **pass before thee**, and I will **proclaim the name of the LORD before** (paniyim) thee; and will be **gracious** to whom I will be **gracious**, and will shew **mercy** on whom I will shew **mercy.**

20 And he said, **Thou canst not see** (ra'a) **my face** (paniyim): for there shall no man see (ra'a) me, and live.

21 And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock:

22 And it shall come to pass, **while my glory passeth by**, that **I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand** (kap) **while I pass by:**

23 And I will take away mine hand (kap), and thou shalt see my back parts (ahor): but my face (paniyim) shall not be seen.

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...The Lord tells Moses to bring two tablets in the morning...

5 And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood (yasab) with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

Yalak/Halak – go, walk, come, proceed, lead, carry, etc.

Ra'a – to see, perceive, observe, discern, distinguish

Hanan – hanan / raham – raham

Kap – the hollow of the hand or palm

Ahor – hinder part, the West (when facing North – left/completion?), the time to come

Yasab – to stand, station oneself, present oneself, stand with someone (reminds me of Nasab)

6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness (hesed) and truth,

7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

8 And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.

9 And he said, **If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us;** for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.

10 And he said, Behold, **I make a covenant:** before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou art shall see the work of the LORD: for it is a terrible thing that I will do with thee.

11 **Observe** (samar) **thou that which I command thee this day:** behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

12 **Take heed** (samar) **to thyself, lest thou make a covenant** with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee:

13 But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves:

14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

15 **Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land,** and they go a whoring (zana) after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice;

16 And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring (zana) after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring (zana) after their gods.

***Adonai, Adonai** – placement and assignment of the people of God*

***Samar** – beware, watch, guard*

*Covenants – covenant with God, warning against covenants with other **people**, then cavorting with their gods. It is through the partnership with other people that the people of God are led astray*

***Zana** – commit adultery (spouse of Yaweh)*

