

God's Nature Revealed



Scripture

- **Exodus 33:12-22; 34:5-8**

Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people!' but You Yourself have not let me know whom You will send with me. Moreover, You have said, 'I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight. "Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight. Consider too, that this nation is Your people." And He said, "My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest." Then he said to Him, "If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here. For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?" The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight and I have known you by name." Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!" And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion." But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!" Then the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock; and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."

^{34:5}The LORD descended in the cloud and stood thee with him as he called upon the name of the LORD. Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in loving-kindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations." Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship.

Other Scriptures

- John 14:9

Main Points

- The God of the Hebrew Bible is exactly the same natured God as we see revealed in the person of Yeshua HaMashiach.
- The glory of God is God's manifest power!
- LORD=YHWH
- English word compassionate is Rakhum in Hebrew
- The first and most essential part of God's nature is that He is rakhum, He is compassionate.
- The word gracious in English is Khanun in Hebrew
- Gracious means to show favor, to feel pity, to stoop to an inferior in love and tenderness.
- Loving Kindness is Khesed in Hebrew.
- God is devoted to you and I in kindness and love.
- The word Iniquity is Avon in Hebrew.
- Transgression in English is Pasha' in Hebrew
- Transgression is a breach of trust.
- Sin/Sinned in English is Khet/Khattah in Hebrew
- Truth in English is Emet in Hebrew

Discussion Questions

1. What does this passage in Exodus 33 and 34 teach us about who God is to Moses, who struggled with insecurity about how God felt toward him?
2. Once Moses saw how God desired to reveal Himself to him and actually did so, what was Moses' response? Revelation of who God is inspires what? How has this been so for you in your life?
3. How do the Hebrew word meanings change your own thinking about God's feelings toward humanity, and specifically toward you?
4. What kinds of sin can be forgiven through God's forgiveness and loving kindness? How does this impact your own life and sins? Will you respond to God's nature as Moses did?