

Countryside Bible Church - Sermon Application

“God’s Sermon on His Name” Pt.2 – Exodus 33:12-34:9

Main Idea: “God’s self-revelation in Exodus 34 destroys our inadequate, idolatrous views of Him and replaces them with a glimpse of the holiness, greatness, and goodness of the true and living God.” (cf. Ps 50:21)

Key Quote: A.W. Tozer: “The most important fact about any man is not what he at any given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like. We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God.”

Outline:

- III. God’s Gracious Revelation: The Explanation of God’s Name (34:1-7)
 - A. God Is Holy (1-4).
 - 1. Holy God cannot bend His law for sinful man without compromising His character (1).
 - 2. Sinful man cannot approach Holy God without a mediator (2-3).
 - B. God Is Great (5-6a).
 - 1. He must condescend to interact with man (5).
 - 2. He is “the LORD” (6).
 - God’s self-existence
 - God’s eternity
 - God’s immutability

Reflection/Application:

- I. From the sermon introduction, what are the dangers of viewing God as if He is like us (Ps 50:21)? How does your view of God effect your life practically?
- II. What was God’s intention in Exodus 34:2-3 in calling only Moses to the mountain? What is the definition of a mediator? Can sinful man approach God without a mediator? Why? In what ways does Moses’ role here as a mediator foreshadow Christ’s role? How does the revelation of God’s holiness through the need of mediation impact the way we think about the separation that sin creates (34:3a) and the magnitude of forgiveness in Christ?
- III. What did the cloud in Exodus 34:5 represent and what was the significance of God’s “descending” to Moses? From the above outline, what does it mean to condescend? What does the scene in 34:5 tell us about the greatness of God?
- IV. What does it mean for God to proclaim His “name”? What does the name “LORD” tell us about the character and nature of God (cf. Ex 3:14)? What three primary realities does the name the “LORD” or “Yahweh” imply? What is God’s self-existence, His eternity, and immutability and how should they shape our understanding of God and aid us in our worship?