

An illustration of Moses, with long white hair and a beard, wearing a brown robe, sitting inside the Tabernacle. He is looking out through an opening in the tent at a large, bright pillar of fire and smoke rising into a blue sky. In the foreground, there is a large brown vase on the left and a wooden chest on the right. The background shows a desert landscape with mountains and other tents in the distance.

The Promise and Presence of Yahweh

Exodus 33:1-11

Lesson Theme

Though man's sin deserves divine judgment, God is unwavering in His covenant promises and abounds in grace and faithfulness.

I. God's Promise Remains (1-3a)

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Israel:

The Strategic Land Bridge



EUROPE

ASIA

Mediterranean Sea

ISRAEL Jerusalem

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Red Sea


AFRICA

Indian
Ocean

"This is Jerusalem: I have set her in the
midst of the nations and the countries all around her."
Ezekiel 5:5


II. God's Presence Removed (3b-5)

A. Mercy in His Absence (3b,5)



Even in his wrath, however, the Lord is gracious. His presence with the Israelites means their possible annihilation. His absence from the people and limiting himself to a proxy means they have a future, another chance.

Victor P. Hamilton, *“Exodus: An Exegetical Commentary”*



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B. **Mourning** of the People (4,6)

III. God's Presence Reserved (7-11)

- A. Place for Mediation (7-8)
- B. Practice of Worship(9-10)
- C. Personal Relationship (11)

Application

1. Because God never changes, your salvation in Christ is secure and eternal. Let this move you to daily gratitude, steady trust in trials, and confidence in His promises. (James 1:17; Heb.13:8; Ps.100:5; 102:27)
2. Because God is holy by nature, we are called to live in a manner worthy of the gospel that has saved us, lest we fall under His righteous judgment. (Lev.19:2; Phil.1:27; 3:12-14; 2 Cor. 5:14-17)