TALKING POINTS

Exodus

Quarter 3, Lesson 12

"Please, Show Me Your Glory"

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MEMORY VERSE: "And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation.'"

Exodus 24:6, 7, NKJV

LESSON STUDY INTRO

"This week we study how Moses, through knowing and following God's instructions, was growing in his walk with the Lord." Qtly, Sab, last par

1. Sometimes God expresses displeasure (Sun)

- God had the tent of meeting removed from the camp to express His displeasure with Israel's apostasy (Ex. 33:7).

> By the divine direction the tent that had served as a temporary place of worship was removed "afar off from the camp." This was still further evidence that God had withdrawn His presence from them. PP 327.2

  - God was not turning His back on His people; they had turned their backs on Him. The removal of the tent was accompanied by an invitation of intercession (vs. 7-10).

> But they were not left without hope. The tent was pitched without the encampment, but Moses called it "the tabernacle of the congregation." All who were truly penitent, and desired to return to the Lord, were directed to repair thither to confess their sins and seek His mercy. Ibid.

    - Notice that this was for the purpose of saving, and not destroying, His people. The Lord was seeking to move them to repentance (Rom. 2:4).

> God speaks to His people in blessings bestowed; and when these are not appreciated, He speaks to them in blessings removed, that they may be led to see their sins, and return to Him with all the heart. PP 470.2

2. To know God is to love Him (1 Jn. 4:19)

- Moses' experience was a continual pursual of the will and purpose of God.
  - The more He knew God, the more he was determined to have the assurance of God's continued presence (Ex. 33:13).
    - Moses viewed God as His friend (see v. 11).

- Yet despite his extensive personal experience with God, Moses still sought to see God's glory (Ex. 33:18; see Qtly, Mon, next to last par; Tue, first par).
    - So we are counseled to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18), for this is the essence of salvation (see Jn. 17:3).

3. God wants to show us His glory

- When Moses asked to see God's glory, God was pleased to grant his request (Ex. 33:19f; see also Jn. 1:14).
    - God's glory is synonymous with His goodness and His name; it is an expression of His character.
        - "One can safely conclude that God's glory is His goodness, that is, His character (see also Ellen G. White, *The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 576; *Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 414, 415; *Prophets and Kings*, p. 313)." Qtly, Tue, par 2
- It is this view of God's glory that inspires our worship and witness (Ex. 34:8; Isa. 6:1-6; Lk. 5:4-11; Ps. 53:3, 5, 12-13).
    - "the John 3:16 of the Old Testament" (Qtly, Wed, par 2)
- It is God's purpose that His glory should be reflected in the lives of His followers (2 Cor. 3:18; Mt. 5:16; 1 Pet. 2:12; Rev. 14:7).

    It is the glory of God to give His virtue to His children. He desires to see men and women reaching the highest standard. AA 530 (Qtly, Tue, par 3)

    - "His glory is to embrace repentant sinners (see *Prophets and Kings*, p. 668) and supply everything needed to change them. At the same time, it is our 'glory' to reveal His character in our own lives and to make it known to others." Qtly, Tue, par 3
        - We thus become a "theatron" to the entire universe – to angels as well as to men (1 Cor. 4:9).
- This glory is revealed in God's law.
    - However, without an internalizing of its principles, the glory will soon fade away (2 Cor. 3:7, 8, 12-18).

CONCLUSION

There is need of personal labor for the souls of the lost. In Christlike sympathy we should come close to men individually, and seek to awaken their interest in the great things of eternal life. Their hearts may be as hard as the beaten highway, and apparently it may be a useless effort to present the Saviour to them; but while logic may fail to move, and argument be powerless to convince, the love of Christ, revealed in personal ministry, may soften the stony heart, so that the seed of truth can take root. COL 57.1