

THE GOD OF MOSES

Exodus 34:6-7

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Moses is one of the greatest prophets and leaders in all of Scripture! And yet we read that he was more humble than any man on the face of the earth (Num 12:3). Moses and God had a very close relationship and used to speak as friends (33:11). BUT—it wasn't always smooth sailing! It was an especially challenging when Moses descended from Horeb after receiving the Ten Commandments only to find Israel already worshipping an idol made of their own hands; already violating the 1st and 2nd commandments. The Lord threatened to destroy them. But Moses interceded for Israel and God relented. In the ensuing conversation with God, Moses asks to know God better (34:13) that he might find favor with God. Then Moses steps it up a notch and asks to see God's glory (34:18). Moses had been asked to lead God's people into the promised land (33:1-3) and he wanted to know more about the nature of God who would go with them. God replied; "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the Lord before you..." (33:19a).

After further instruction to Moses, "The Lord descended in the cloud and stood there 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 lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.'" (Exodus 34:5-7).

So What? Why is this needed? I find this description of God especially interesting and important because this is not a description of what some man wants God to be. Nor is it an inspired man's idea of God. THIS IS GOD'S DESCRIPTION OF HIMSELF; provided so that Moses might know Him better, and thus find His favor. And it's provided to encourage Moses' work with the knowledge that this God is worth following. He's compassionate, gracious, longsuffering, He abounds in lovingkindness and truth and He's eager to forgive. Now that's motivation to serve and sacrifice! AND YET God warns Moses—He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished?

We like Moses, need to know who God is; His essence and His character. We cannot find favor with God while being ignorant about Him. Hosea said "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (4:6a). Moses' God is our God. "For I, the Lord, do not change" (Mal 3:6). May we diligently seek Him Who seeks us (Heb 11:6; Psalm 53:2)!

John Deffenbaugh

His own people, eager to do what is good - Titus 2:14



Kay Anderson, Angela Bigbee, Fred Bukowich, Carl Cobb, David Conness, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tammy Crawford, Don Deffenbaugh, Judy Dorris, Vera Douthitt, Katherine Enfield, Mary Jane Flint, Joe Freund, James Honeycutt, Molly Jackson, Jean Johnson, Alice Kitch, Dan Lazure, Marilyn Mayben, Scott Neel, Larry and Vickey Owen, Noah Reiboldt, Brandon Ross, Karl Stauffer, Jennifer Thogmartin, Edith Toney, Ken Tyler, Debi Wince.

Jason Giebler had surgery on Wednesday to reattach his bicep tendon. Resting his arm and rehab are in his future.

Lawrence Sanders suffered a brain bleed from a small aneurysm and was taken to Springfield. He had emergency surgery on Friday to put in a drain. He is showing some improvement but his condition is still serious.

Mary Jane Flint will have sinus surgery in March to relieve pressure and improve her hearing.

Judy Doris, Mary Jane's sister, is not doing well and may be showing signs of kidney failure.

Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we helped a friend of members who had a house fire and hospitalization. If you know of someone in need, please tell Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.




Today's Sermons

A.M.: God Our Father
(Danny Boggs)

P.M.: The Word Became Flesh
(Danny Boggs)

Some of our **teens** are returning from CYC in Dallas today. Continue to pray for their safe return and that they are able to share what they gained from being there.

Ladies Night Out will be on Thursday at 6:00. It will be at El Caballo, Join your sisters for food and fellowship. Please sign up in the foyer so that seating can be reserved.

Men's BBQ Night: Mark your calendar now and join us for a trip to Boomer's BBQ in Carthage  Tuesday, January 27. The bus will leave our parking lot at 6:00.

Ladies Retreat will be February 28-March 1 in Branson. Registration fee is \$40 for the entire weekend or \$25 for Saturday only. Please see Heather Flint for a registration form. Registration fees can be given to Heather or Coralee.

See the bulletin board for information on the **marriage retreat** through Polishing the Pulpit. You can find more details at smokymountainmarriage.com.

Annie Flint is a senior this year. She has been involved in Lads to Leaders for many years. She is striving to get the Red Coat Award, the highest honor in Lads. She could use your help with one of her last projects. There is more information and the things that she needs on the back window. Stop by and read about the project and provide her with support if you can.

Ladies, please check the ladies' corner for **dishes** and other materials that have been left there.

Please check the welcome desk for lost **Bibles**.

Ladies, there is a **survey** on the welcome desk about Thursday Ladies Bible class. You can pick up one there if you didn't answer on-line.

*In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. John 1:1*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

AM Opening Prayer: Bill Reiboldt
AM Closing Prayer: Jared Thomas
Communion Prayer: Andy Miller
Prayer for the Offering: Ethan Middleton
PM Opening Prayer: Jason Giebler
PM Closing Prayer: Gary Cook

This Wednesday

Announcements: Bryan Reiboldt
Singing: Danny Boggs
Invitation: Tim Murray
Opening Prayer: Miles Wolgamott
Closing Prayer: Mike Hinman

RECORDS	1-11-26	1-12-25
Bible Study	140	144
AM Worship	184	175
PM Worship	130	124
Wednesday	126	151
Contribution	\$10,039.52	\$9,837.00
Budget	\$9,410.00	\$8,500.00