

## Pray Like Moses (Part 5)

### Show Me Your Glory – Intimate Prayer for God’s Presence

Exodus 33:12–23; 34:5–9, 29–35

**Introduction:** After Israel’s golden calf sin (Ex. 32:1–14), God offered the land with an angel—but not His presence (Ex. 33:1–3). Moses knew gifts without the Giver are not enough: *“If Your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here”* (Ex. 33:15–16). Moses then prays two bold prayers: **“Go with us”** (presence) and **“Show me Your glory”** (deeper revelation) (Ex. 33:15–18).

#### I. Craving God’s presence above all: (Exodus 33:12–17)

**A. Moses grieved at God’s withdrawal** (Ex. 33:3). Israel’s distinction is *God with them* (Ex. 33:15–16).

1. **Prayer aim:** not merely “give us,” but *“show me Your ways, that I may know You”* (Ex. 33:13; Ex. 33:11).
2. **Lesson:** Value the giver above the gifts (Jer. 29:13).

**Rogers:** *“Don’t settle for success without the Lord”*

**B. God’s answer:** *“My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”* (Ex. 33:14). (Ps. 27:4; Ps. 63:1; Phil. 4:7).

#### II. Boldly praying, “Show me Your glory”: (Exodus 33:18)

**A. Request:** *“Please, show me Your glory.”* (Ex. 33:18) — a God-centered desire for **deeper intimacy**.

1. **Glory defined:** God’s manifested person/attributes (cf. John 1:14; Heb. 1:3).
2. **Our pursuit:** keep seeking “to know Him” (Eph. 1:17–18; Phil. 3:10).

**A.W. Tozer:** *“Many believers settle for a shallow spirituality and ‘have lost the desire to seek God himself amid all the religious externals.’”*

**B. Transformation pathway:** as we **behold** His glory, we are **changed** (2 Cor. 3:18).

*Our transformation and growth hinge on beholding God’s glory.*

#### III. God’s response—His glory revealed (as much as we can bear): (Exodus 33:19–23; 34:5–7)

**A. God reveals His Name/Character:** *“I will make all My goodness pass before you... The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious... abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness... forgiving... yet just.”* (Ex. 33:19; 34:6–7).

*The glory of God Moses saw was primarily His compassionate and gracious acts...*

1. **Holy protection:** No one can see God’s **face** and live (Ex. 33:20). God hides Moses in the **cleft of the rock** and covers him (Ex. 33:21–23).
2. **Christ fulfillment:** We behold God’s glory **in Jesus** (John 1:14; John 14:8–9; Heb. 1:3).

**B. Response of worship & intercession:** Moses bows and pleads again for mercy (Ex. 34:8–9).

*Moses saw that at God’s core; He is abounding in love and faithfulness... which renewed his confidence to lead Israel.*

#### IV. Transformed by God’s presence: (Exodus 34:29–35; 2 Corinthians 3:18)

**A. Shining face:** Moses reflects God’s glory after meeting with Him (Ex. 34:29–35).

**B. New-covenant reality:** We all, **with unveiled face**, are **being transformed** as we behold Christ (2 Cor. 3:18).

*If we want to shine for Christ, we must seek Him directly – spend time in His Word and prayer, truly listen and respond to Him in obedience.*

**C. Everyday application:** Draw near (Jas. 4:8). Let others “recognize you’ve been with Jesus” (Acts 4:13).

1. Make unhurried meeting” times (Word + prayer).
2. Pray as you read: *“Lord, show me Your glory in this passage.”*
3. Live unveiled—reflect Christ in patience, love, joy, peace (Gal. 5:22–23).

**Conclusion & Next Steps:** Prayer’s highest aim is **intimacy with God**—His **Presence** with us and a deeper sight of His **Glory**.

**Two prayers to practice this week:**

1. *“If Your Presence does not go with me, I don’t want to go.”* (Ex. 33:15–16)
2. *“Please, show me Your glory.”* (Ex. 33:18)
  - **Promise:** God **rewards** those who earnestly seek Him (Heb. 11:6); the pure in heart **shall see God** (Matt. 5:8).
  - **Hope ahead:** One day we’ll **see Him as He is** (1 John 3:2) and **see His face** (Rev. 22:4). Until then, keep seeking—and shining.