



## I Am with You!

Lesson 8

### Will a Holy and Loving God Remain with His Rescued but Sinful People?

*This is the question that Exodus 15:22-34:35 struggles to answer!*

Moses *Again* Intercedes for the Sinful People and Asks that God's Glory Would **REMAIN** with Israel and be **REVEALED** to Moses. (33:7–34:35)

<b>Moses' Request</b> (33:12-23)	Will You <b>REMAIN</b> with Your People? <i><b>I WILL DUE to MY GRACE-RESPONSE to YOUR MEDIATION!</b></i> Will You <b>REVEAL</b> Your Glory to Me? <i><b>I WILL DUE to MY FREE CHOICE to SHOW MERCY to WHOMEVER I CHOOSE.</b></i>
<b>Yahweh's Response</b> (34:1-7)	"I AM! I AM! The God who is unlike any other..." <i><b>He REVEALS the GLORY of His HOLY &amp; LOVING NAME to Moses!</b></i>
<b>Moses' Response</b> (34:8-9)	<b>WORSHIP</b> with a surrendered heart to His Sovereign Master-King ("Lord")!

Will You **REMAIN** with Your People?

**Yahweh's Response** (34:10-35) ***I WILL but** My people must keep My Covenant (= the Mosaic Covenant) with an obedient faith in Me and My promises from a heart of love and gratitude!*

### So How Did the "I AM" God Who Is Both Holy and Loving Respond to the Request of His Mediator Moses?

- Out of Loyal Love the "I AM" God **REVEALS** the Glory of His Name! *Exodus 34:1-9*
- Out of Loyal Love the Glory of the "I AM" God Comes Down to **BE WITH** His People! *Exodus 34:10-40:38*

## Glory Comes Down to Dwell with His Rescued but Sinful People!

*Exodus 34:10-40:38*

"I Am with You" Is Revealed in...

### 1. God's Tent **BEING BUILT.** *Exodus 35:1–40:33*

**Instructed** by God through Moses. (35:1–36:7)

**Constructed** by the people under Moses' supervision. (36:8–39:31)

**Inspected** by Moses according to all God commanded. (39:32-43)

**Erected** by Moses according to all God commanded. (40:1-33)

- The Tabernacle was the **HOLY PLACE** where God's glorious presence would dwell in an ordinary tent with His people.

**"Sanctuary"** Refers to the entire complex of the courtyard including the actual tent where the Ark of the Covenant was in the Most Holy Place – the Holy of Holies! *Exodus 15:17-18*

**"Tent"** Refers to the actual tent where the Ark of the Covenant and God's holy and glorious presence would dwell! And the priests would be mediators before the "I AM" God!

*"And the Word became flesh, and **DWELT** (= pitched a tent!) among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14*

- The Tabernacle **PICTURES** the glory of the "I AM" God in both His holiness/truth and His love/grace!

- 1) His holiness is revealed in...
  - ☐ Everything had to be built according the blueprint and specs that God Himself revealed and **REQUIRED**.
  - ☐ The place where God's Presence dwelled was called the **MOST** holy place – the Holy of Holies!
  - ☐ The closer to you came to His holiness the **MORE** precious and valuable the material became! *1Peter 1:17-21*
  - ☐ Whenever the High Priest ministered before the “I AM” God, he wore a turban with a solid gold plate that was inscribed with these words: “**HOLINESS** to the LORD”!
- 2) His loyal love is revealed in...
  - ☐ God allowing the Tabernacle to be built **EVEN AFTER** Israel sinned and He knew they would sin again...and again...and again!
  - ☐ God's glorious presence would dwell with His rescued but sinful people for the fame of His Name among **ALL** peoples!
  - ☐ God Himself would dwell in the **CENTER** of His people where all could see His glory and benefit from His loving leadership, protection, comfort, and help.

*And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.” Luke 24:25–27*

## 2. God's Glory **COMING DOWN**. *Exodus 40:34-38*

### Old Covenant Promises

- ☐ God dwells in **the center** of the people!
- ☐ God's dwelling place was **the first** to be set up and **the first** to be taken down as the Tribe of Judah Led them out and in.
- ☐ God's people would **never move** until He moved and **never stop** until He stopped.
- ☐ God would lead **His people** to **His place** where **His presence** would dwell them for the fame of His Name and the good of all peoples.



### New Covenant Fulfillments in Christ

- ☐ **JESUS CHRIST** as the incarnate God is now the Holy Place where God's glory dwells. *John 1:14*
- ☐ **LOCAL CHURCHES** as the Body of Christ are now the Holy Places where God's glory dwells. *1Corinthians 3:16-17*
- ☐ **EACH BELIEVER** who is in Christ is now the Holy Place where God's glory dwells. *1Corinthians 6:18-20*

### New Covenant Applications in the Now-Not Yet of Our Present Wilderness Journey

- God's glory is to be the **CENTER** of our lives. *1Corinthians 10:31-33*
- God's glory is to have **FIRST PLACE** in our lives, our families, and our church. *Matthew 6:31-34*
- God's glory in Jesus and His indwelling Holy Spirit is leading us and we are to **FOLLOW** – *not the other way around*. *Colossians 3:1-4; Romans 8:9-15*
- God's glory is to be **PROCLAIMED** to all peoples until Jesus returns with His Kingdom and leads us into the New Creation where the glory of the Father and the Lamb Who Was Slain will fill the universe! *Psalms 67; Revelation 22:1-7*

### The “I AM” God Is Always Present with His People for His Glory, Our Good, and the Joy of All Peoples!

God the Father has given His own Son as the only sinless Mediator who established the New Covenant with His blood, so our sins can be forgiven, our hearts are made obedient, and His glory can dwell in us by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

*So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Philippians 2:12-13*