

1. New Tablets for a Renewed Covenant (34:1-4)
2. The Glory of God Revealed in His Name (34:5-7)
 - a. The Mercy and Grace of the Lord (34:6-7a)
 - i. YHWH, YHWH, I AM WHO I AM (3:14)
 - ii. Merciful and Gracious (Ps 103:8, 13)
 - iii. Slow to Anger (Prov. 14:29; 15:18; 16:32; 19:11; James 1:19-20)
 - iv. Abounding in Steadfast Love and Faithfulness
(Gen 24:27; Ps 25:10; 40:10-11; 85:10; 86:15; 89:14; 103: 17-18; 115:1; 117:2; Prov 16:6)
 - v. Guarding Steadfast Love for Thousands
(Deu 7:9; Neh 1:5; Dan 9:4; 1 Thes 5:24; 2 Tim 2:13)
 - vi. Forgiving Wrongdoing, Rebellion, and Sin (Ps 103:10-12)
 - b. The Justice of the Lord (34:7b; Exo 20:4-6)
 - c. Resolving the Paradox of the Lord’s Mercy and Justice (Prov 17:15; Rom 3:21-26)
3. The Response to the Lord’s Glory: Worship (34:8)
4. Resting on the Foundation of the Divine Revelation (Num 14; Daniel 9; Neh 9; Joel 2:12-14)

“Slow to anger does not present the Lord as a frustrated deity who eventually loses patience and strikes out against those who have thwarted him. It rather acknowledges that the Lord is reluctant to act against his creation, even when it is in rebellion against him. He waits long to give the sinner opportunity to return in repentance. But he is not forgetful and will not condone sin. At a time of his choosing he will act decisively against it.” —John Mackay

“The fact that the punishment extends for generations does not mean that God will continue to punish members of subsequent generations even if they turn from the evil of their fathers (see Ezek. 18). It means that the punishment can be very severe, with repercussions on generations yet unborn.” —Duane A. Garrett

“Mercy, detached from Justice, grows unmerciful. That is the important paradox. As there are plants which will flourish only in mountain soil, so it appears that Mercy will flower only when it grows in the crannies of the rock of Justice.” —C. S. Lewis

Reflection Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. How does the Lord reveal his glory to Moses?
2. What was more significant and why: what Moses saw or what he heard?
3. What stands out to you the most about all the divine attributes highlighted in this passage?
4. How should we respond to this revelation of the Lord’s mercy and justice? How should knowing His character shape our lives?