

Removing the Pharaoh Filter

I Am Moses - Week 9

Exodus 32:35-33:5 “Then the Lord sent a great plague upon the people because they had worshiped the calf Aaron had made. ³³The Lord said to Moses, “Get going, you and the people you brought up from the land of Egypt. Go up to the land I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I told them, ‘I will give this land to your descendants.’ ²And I will send an angel before you to drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. ³Go up to this land that flows with milk and honey. But I will not travel among you, for you are a stubborn and rebellious people. If I did, I would surely destroy you along the way.” ⁴When the people heard these stern words, they went into mourning and stopped wearing their jewelry and fine clothes. ⁵For the Lord had told Moses to tell them, “You are a stubborn and rebellious people. If I were to travel with you for even a moment, I would destroy you. Remove your jewelry and fine clothes while I decide what to do with you.”

I. Our Experiences _____ our Image of God.

A. Israel’s behaviors birthed from a wrong image of God.

B. Their actions revealed their _____.

Exodus 14:10-12 “As Pharaoh approached, the people of Israel looked up and panicked when they saw the Egyptians overtaking them. They cried out to the Lord, ¹¹and they said to Moses, “Why did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? Weren’t there enough graves for us in Egypt? What have you done to us? Why did you make us leave Egypt? ¹²Didn’t we tell you this would happen while we were still in Egypt? We said, ‘Leave us alone! Let us be slaves to the Egyptians. It’s better to be a slave in Egypt than a corpse in the wilderness!’

C. They feared being _____.

Exodus 32:1 “When the people saw how long it was taking Moses to come back down the mountain, they gathered around Aaron. “Come on,” they said, “make us some gods who can lead us. We don’t know what happened to this fellow Moses, who brought us here from the land of Egypt.”

II. Our God Concept is Always Developing

A. Every person has three image makers.

1. _____ - Genesis 1:27-28

“So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.²⁸ Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

2. _____ - religion

3. _____

B. Impacts of Image Makers

1. We attribute to God whatever our image-makers do right.

2. Adam and Eve’s fall marred their children’s image of God.

C. Distorted I _____ influenced Israel’s actions

D. _____ of authority figures distort our view of God

III. Four Stages of a Full Revelation of God.

A. Seeing God through the _____ of the past.

B. Recognize our need of a new revelation of God

C. Seek a revelation of the 7-fold goodness of God.

Exodus 34:6-7 “And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord (Yahweh), the Lord God, *merciful* and *gracious, longsuffering*, and abounding in *goodness* and *truth*,⁷ 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.

1. Moses asked to see God’s premiere attributes.

2. God’s self-described list.

a. _____ - Hebrews 4:14-18 - “So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. ¹⁵This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of

the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most."

b. _____ Psalm 111:4 "He causes us to remember his wonderful works. How gracious and merciful is our Lord."

c. Long-suffering - slow to anger - Deuteronomy 31:6 - "He will neither fail you nor abandon you."

d. Abounding in _____ Psalm 145:9 - "The Lord is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation."

e. Full of _____ and integrity Psalm 145:13b - "The Lord always keeps his promises."

f. He is _____ Ps.103:12-14 "He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.¹³ The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. ¹⁴ For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust

g. He is _____ John 3:18 - "There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son."

IV. Experiencing an Image Transformation

A. We spontaneously _____ in worship.

Exodus 34:8 "Moses immediately threw himself to the ground and worshiped."

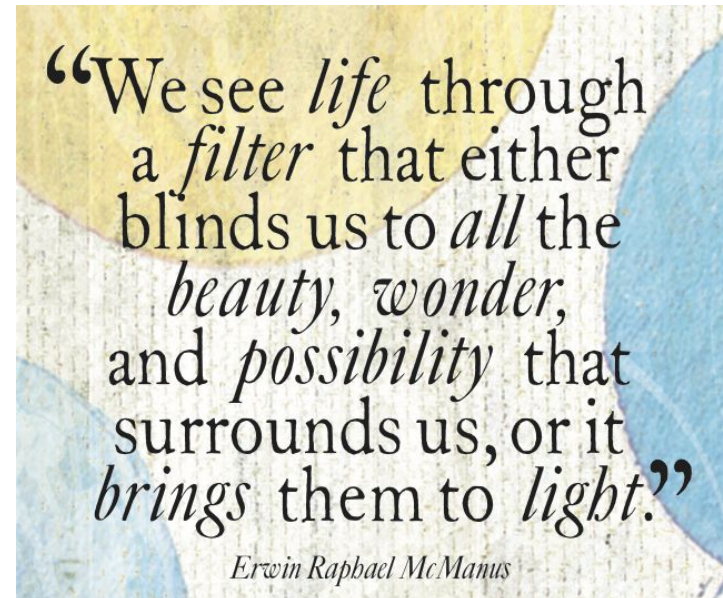
B. We _____ who we are after seeing God.

Exodus 34:9 "And he said, "O Lord, if it is true that I have found favor with you, then please travel with us. Yes, this is a stubborn and rebellious people, but please forgive our iniquity and our sins. Claim us as your own special possession."

C. We will unintentionally witness.

Exodus 34:29 "When Moses came down Mount Sinai carrying the two stone tablets inscribed with the terms of the covenant, he wasn't aware that his face had become radiant because he had spoken to the Lord."

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