

## Exodus 33:18

*And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."*

Reading today's verse, you need to understand what was going on here. God was using Moses to lead the Children of Israel to the Promised Land, and here is the conversation between God and Moses, right before today's verse:

† **Exodus 33:12-16** *Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.' Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people." And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth."*

The God responded to Moses with:

† **Exodus 33:17** *So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name."*

And Moses was overwhelmed with God's Holiness and his relationship with God, so Moses speaks out today's verse.

† *"Please, show me Your glory."*

And as you read on you find that God did allow Moses to see the afterglow of His Glory, because even Moses in his close relationship with God and his righteousness, could not look on a HOLY GOD and live. So God allowed Moses to see a part of that Glory.

† **Exodus 33:20-23** *But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."*

But as you read this account, did you notice what God or Moses did not say about seeing God's Glory? God never said to Moses; Ok, in order to see My Glory, you need to turn the lights down

low, and have the right soft worship music playing in the background and be in this certain position and...

Nor did Moses think the same thing, thinking, *“Ok, God said I can see the afterglow of His Glory, so to prepare I need to turn the lights down and have my favorite worship song playing in the background, be on my face and pray until He shows up and...”*

No, not at all, because the worship of God has nothing to do with how dim the lights are, or what song is playing in the background, or that you are singing. Think about it, it may have been in the middle of the day, with the sun shining bright in the sky. Moses didn't have his playlist going while he was with God, in fact it was only God and Moses, no musicians, no harp or flute in Moses' hands for him to play to set the mood. It was just God, and Moses.

Wait; read that again. In order to worship God and see God's glory, all that was needed was **“God and Moses,”** no one or anything else to tint or tarnish that relationship, or to try to make an existing relationship already happen.

The same is true for us, we think we need to set the mood like you would with your spouse to be intimate. But it has nothing to do with setting the mood, but rather, setting your heart on the one person. Or in our case, setting your heart on God, and God alone.

Yes, as a musician, I have had some amazing times playing and singing to the Lord. But I have also had some amazing and even more intimate times with the Lord when it's just God and me in prayer. No music, no dimming of the lights, nothing else, just God and me, just like it was with God and Moses. Simply all that was needed was God and Moses. And that's all that you need to truly worship God, simply, God and you!!!

† **Deuteronomy 13:4 (NLT2)** *Serve only the LORD your God and fear him alone. Obey his commands, listen to his voice, and cling to him.*

† **Psalm 62:5** *My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him.*