



KING'S CHAPEL

Daily Devotional - The Pursuit of God

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Approaching God

Read Psalm 51:1-2; 15-17

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

Opening Prayer:

"Broken and humbled to the dust, by thy wrath and judgment just, let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice; from my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace." (*God, Be Merciful to Me*)

This Week's Study: The Pursuit of God

This week we are looking at the theme: "Pursuing God with Great Intensity."

This week we are meditating on various passages around this theme and asking God to search and align our hearts so that knowing Christ might become our greatest treasure.

Bible Reading, Study & Meditation - Exodus 33:1-23

Exodus 33:1- 23 - 1 The LORD said to Moses, "Depart; go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your offspring I will give it.' **2** I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. **3** Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people." **4** When the people heard this disastrous word, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments. **5** For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the people of Israel, 'You are a stiff-necked people; if for a single moment I should go up among you, I would consume you. So now take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do with you.'" **6** Therefore the people of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments, from Mount Horeb onward.

7 Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. **8** Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise up, and each would stand at his tent door, and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. **9** When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. **10** And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door. **11** Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face,

as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent. **12** 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 favor in my sight.'

13 Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." **14** And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." **15** And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. **16** For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?" **17** And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." **18** Moses said, "Please show me your glory." **19** And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. **20** But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." **21** And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, **22** and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. **23** Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

Daily Study Questions

God's people have been rescued from the oppression of Egypt. They have seen God work in amazing ways through the plagues and parting of the Red Sea. In a display of the depth of sin in our hearts they turn to worshipping an idol in Exodus 32. Moses intercedes and pleads for them at the end of Exodus 32. Moses interaction with God continues in Exodus 33.

- What are 2-3 things that stand out to you about Moses' pursuit of God? Why?
- How would you describe Moses' interaction with God?
- What does Moses pray for in his interaction with God? What can we learn about pursuing God from this?

Application & Meditation

- If God were making you a promise for your life today similar to Exodus 33:1-4, what might that promise include?
- What is the difference in God's presence and God's blessings and provision? Would you be satisfied if God gave you all the promise of Exodus 33:1-4 but not His presence?
- How is God both encouraging and challenging you from studying Moses' pursuit of God?

Close in Prayer:

Rejoice: - What can you praise and rejoice in from today's study?

Repent: - What do you need to confess and ask for forgiveness?

Request: - What do you want to ask God for today as a result of your study?

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