Week 5: Moses's intercessions

Moses's intercessions: Exodus 33-34

Objective:

- The Command to Leave Sinai
- Moses Meets with the Lord
- The Promise of God’s Presence
- Moses Makes New Tablets
- The Shining Face of Moses

Resources:

- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary
- Catena Bible Commentary
- Fr Dawoud Lamie Bible study (Arabic)

Reading:

- Exodus 33:1-23
- Exodus 34:1-35

Key verse(s):

- "The Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend" Exodus 33:11

Comments:

- We see God's punishment in the form of not being in their midst, but ahead of them. God still kept His promise that he gave to their fathers.
- Taking off their ornaments in a sign of their grief.
- Verse 33:11 shows that Moses was very close to God. This explains why Moses is a great saint. God wants to be a friend to everyone. Moses accepted and appreciated this friendship.
- Moses made new tablets after the gold calf incident.
- After meeting with God many times, Moses' face was so shiny. This shows that whoever meets with God a lot, his face will be spiritually bright and people will see God in him.
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Review/recap questions:

***Servant may add more questions*

1. What reason did the Lord give to stop accompanying the Israelite Nation to Canaan?
2. The Israelites were ordered to “strip all their ornaments” as a sign of what?
3. Why was it important to have a new set of stone tablets?
4. Explain why Moses put a veil over his face when he spoke to the Israelites.
5. The Lord talked to Moses as a man who speaks to a friend. Cite verses that prove this

Homework:

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1. What was the name of the tent Moses pitched outside the Israelite camp?
   A) Tent of Meeting B) Tent of Repentance C) Tent of Atonement D) Tent of Incense
2. What part of God would Moses be allowed to see?
   A) face B) back C) right hand D) eye
3. Who broke the original 2 stone tablets?
   A) God B) Aaron C) Moses D) Aaron’s sons
4. Who was to accompany Moses on Mount Sinai to get the new Stone Tablets?
   A) Joshua B) Aaron C) no one D) Judah

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