

Know God

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of going forward in faith, trusting in God's plan and instructions, and setting an example of faith as a leader.

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Scripture: Exodus 17, Exodus 19:1-6, Exodus 24:3-8, Matthew 6:33, John 6:30-35, John 7:37-39

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker discusses the importance of not giving up or stopping when faced with difficult situations. He uses the example of Moses leading the Israelites through the wilderness and facing challenges such as a lack of water. Despite the complaints and threats from the people, God tells Moses to continue moving forward. The speaker emphasizes the need for leaders to set an example by persevering and continuing on, as this inspires others to do the same.

Transcript

You will remember, if you were here last night, that we finished on this great note of go, go forward. The Lord was telling this man Moses what to do. Go, he said, and go, he insisted.

We got, you will remember, as far as chapter 17 in the note, where it says that all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of sin after their journeys according to the commandment of the Lord and pitched in Rephidim and there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people did chide with Moses and said, give us water that we may drink and Moses said unto them, why chide ye with me? Wherefore do you tempt the Lord? And the people thirsted there for water and the people murmured against Moses and said, wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst? And Moses cried unto the Lord, say what shall I do unto this people? They be almost ready to stone me. And the Lord said unto Moses, go on.

The wonderful thing, he said, now don't let this stop you going on Moses. Haven't you found it like this in your experience that you've come through a, I suppose we might call them, it's a sticky situation or you've been here and it doesn't seem to be what you thought it should be and if you're not careful you stop going on and the only solution to the problem is to go on. I've pointed it out to you and I hope it went home last evening that when Moses reached the Red Sea with the people of Israel, God told him that he was to go forward.

And here again there's been a time of encampment, you can read all about it in chapter 15 and all those sorts of things they've been camped and all judgments were taking place. I mean normal judgments in the life of a nation. But here it is, they're in a mess again so they think and God says now don't stop, go forward and the important thing is this, he said you're to go forward before the people.

The people are to see that you Moses are going forward, going on. It's ever so important about the people you know. If they don't see their leaders going on, if they don't see that, it doesn't matter how much the leaders may sort of use a tongue lash against them and prate at them and preach at them and do all sorts of things, if they aren't going on visibly so that all the people can see them going on, there's not going to be much doing.

In other words if the leaders get stuck you're pretty sure that a congregation will come to a halt. And this is an important thing because after all as I have said again and again during these days, our study is not the children of Israel, it's Moses. And it's an amazing thing how the people of God, Israel, their life was tied up with Moses, the leader.

What a tremendous thing it is and notice this too, if you go back to verse 2 you'll find that Moses said unto them, why have you chided with me? Why did they chide with Moses? Wherefore do ye tempt the Lord? And so it comes clear that chiding with the leader can often be tempting God because the leader and God are identified too. As the people are identified with the leader, so God is identified with the leader. Now this is the marvellous thing that comes out to us more and more as we look into this glorious story.

You chide me, you're tempting God. Nevertheless God had to say to Moses, all right Moses it's very wonderful how God deals with everything in its right place. Now Moses, you go on before the people.

No water to drink, trouble, trouble, trouble. What do we do? Come on we're going on. That's what we're doing.

But we're thirsty, we can't go another yard. Come on we're going on. All for men that can inspire the will to go in other people.

There aren't a lot of them about. Now here then is the tremendous thing and you will notice that Moses did not inspire the will to go in the people by giving them a lengthy sermon or a pep talk. You notice that he saw and God saw that it lay between himself and Moses.

God knew what he would do and Moses was instructed to come into line. Here it is go on before the people and take with thee the elders of Israel and thy rod wherewith thou smotest the river. Take that notice of that word river won't you? It is the word river.

You would have thought it should have been the Red Sea. All right I hope that's given you a lot of thought and will take you into certain geographical positions. Whereabouts at the Red Sea did they make the crossing? All right I won't go into that.

That's not our purpose. We're not studying these things but you may do it yourselves. You're to take with you the rod wherewith thou didst smite the river and go.

Behold I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb and thou shalt smite the rock and there shall come water out of it that the people may and Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel and he called the name of the place strife oh I'm sorry proving or temptation. Masa and Meribah meaning striving

because the chiding of the children of Israel and because they tempted the Lord saying is the Lord among us or not? Is the Lord among us or not? It's an amazing thing isn't it that people say certain things it's recorded there in verse three what the people said but also behind all that they said in verses two and verses three there was this is the Lord among us or isn't he?

Do you know the subtle thing that underlies so much of complaint and of chiding this evil working this heart that just didn't believe is the Lord among us or isn't he? Glory be to the name of the Lord we know he was.

Moses smote the rock out came the water he was smitten with the rod of God we know that that is the type of our Lord Jesus Christ partly the reason why I started the chorus he's my rock he's my fortress he's my deliverer I only wanted that first phrase in the chorus he's my rock glory you know this was the great rock from which it all started in the beginning horror this is where the bush burned this is what God said you're to worship me upon this mountain when you come out and the word sin in verse one really means bush if you're using a Newbery this is why I advise people to get Newbery Bibles he'll give it to you in the margin it was the wilderness of the bush the burn was fire it is it was the wilderness where the rock was glory it was the wilderness where the rock was smitten glory

be to the name of the Lord and you know God said they were to go to this mountain and they were to worship him by the time they got there they were tired and thirsty and exhausted and they were in no fit state to worship God because in their heart they were saying is God with us or isn't he how many of you have been plagued by these kinds of thoughts is he or isn't he am I am I not is it right is it wrong I wonder if I can come back to something I said last night um and that I repeated again today with someone who was visiting me the this great thing of trust trust is living without thinking that's what trust is you haven't got to think anything out like is the wall with us or is it is he not am I going to have water or am I not trust has gone beyond all that trust has gone beyond all

that completely and the person I was talking to said that he'd heard a very clever saying that doubt was the dark room where people develop their negatives I said it's very clever but you know it's not true you see these clever sayings they're all brought up from the psychological approach it's not true the things that are developed in doubt are very positive and people are people are in doubt not because they're in darkness because they're in too much light take class thomas the classic example called doubting thomas he knew so much he had so much light his head was filled with so much knowledge he said I will not believe he wasn't a doubter his heart has set itself not to believe in the light of all the knowledge he had and so the clever sayings are never spiritual never think they are

even if they come if it's your favorite preachers who write them or say them what a tremendous thing it is for us to get hold of this glorious truth to be able to live without thinking after all that's how water rises it just rises that's how you know that there are springs wells if everything is spontaneous in the realm of the kingdom of god and you know it isn't until you get to spontaneity that you can say I'm in I'm now at rest what a glorious thing it is all right I don't want to stop all the evening on that which we could very easily do then comes amalek verse 8 they fight with israel in rephidim I suppose they wanted the water as well moses says unto joshua choose us out men and go out fight with amalek tomorrow tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of god in

mine hand that's tremendous isn't it now I want to draw your attention to something here which will show how greatly this man moses had even by this time entered into fellowship with god in a very real way god never told moses to do that so far as we can see moses knew instinctively he knew in his spirit what to do

most it doesn't say now god said to moses moses you get up on top of that hill and you instruct joshua to do so and so so and so and so and so moses knew what to do hmm do you know what to do when the situations rise do you well you will know what to do if you are in the confidence and knowledge that moses was in you know the whole story joshua goes down and fights moses is on top of the hill don't think don't ever preach this as an example of prayer it is an example of

confident trust moses knew something now in all the battles of life you've got to know this if you don't know it you'll cost yourself a lot of mental sweat and lots of groanings moanings tears all sorts of things and this I want to tell you beloved is not an example of prayer we have an example of prayer later whether we'll get there tonight I don't know true intercessory prayer this is an example of trust the thing that I've been talking about he sends out joshua to to get fighting I suppose we better read it uh he fought with amulet moses erin and her went up to the top of the hill erin and her are simply names that have to do with light you can trace them out if you're a good newbery fan and uh they should be in your margin and so they went up on the hill and when moses held up his

hand israel prevailed when he let down his hand amulet prevailed you see where it seems almost like god isn't it yes that's right it is and that's what you're supposed to think here's the man who knew his position he held up his hand with the rod of god in it that's right he could not only point his rod out over the sea or cast it down before pharaoh and it became a serpent or smite the rock and open up the living waters he could hold his rod up to god and god did what he wanted you're not told he prayed he knew that was the attitude glory he held his rod up there to god that hand got heavy so it changed over praise god it was left handed or right handed it was the rod and you know his hands got heavy the fight was fierce and long okay all right so aaron and her stayed up his hand if it

was his right hand then one of them held that one up for him if it was his left hand with the rod in the other one held that one up too it's a glorious truth and we know what happened the lord says to moses because of course the battle was won write this for a memorial in a book rehearse it in the ears of joshua for i will utterly put out the remembrance of amalek from under heaven and moses built an altar called the name of it jehovah nisi or nisai jehovah my banner for he said because of the hand that is on the throne of jah that's right now moses knew that he had a hand on the throne how many of you know that moses knew he didn't mean any words i really believe this with all my heart i you know that i'm a great believer in prayer and urge people to pray but i am a i am a great believer

in my heart that only those really pray who know that they have a hand on the throne of god and that's where victory comes from you've got to know this great thing because of the hand upon the throne you see what happened he went up the mountain he went up the mountain and there he sat on a stone and there he kept his hand on the throne hallelujah i believe beloved that many victories could have been won if people had kept their hand on the throne i believe that i believe that churches could be in utter victory if they had someone there moses and the elders for instance that had their hand on the throne i believe that who was it got the victory was it the israelite or was it moses no it wasn't the church in the wilderness the israelite it was the leader and the elders they got the victory

and when moses couldn't stick it they started to lose it's called the church in the wilderness it's not a phrase phrase of mine i've taken it out of the of stephen in acts chapter 7 he was in the church in the in the wilderness that's right and spoke by the hand of him that was in the bush as well the burning bush there they were it was the wilderness of the burning bush i dare say old moses went over and inspected it where he first got his call i think i would have done i would have been inquisitive enough for that in fact i might

have paraded all this rail round as one said fall forth and we'll march around this bush that's the place where god spoke for me where he revealed himself to me as the i am that's where he came and that's why you're here have a good look at it the bush burned

and it's not destroyed now let god come and burn in your midst and you'll live you know i think that's what i would have said i don't know whether moises because he said he wasn't eloquent and all that business but i think it's about you don't require much eloquence to say that kind of thing to to to see the truth beloved amen and this man knew he'd got his hand on the phone it was about here it seemed somehow that god had designed to move on that place and the people that were there that's why i said you bring the people here to worship me when moises said well they can worship in egypt don't go too far they could do that no god said i want them here glory be to the name of the lord and that's where they were it was wonderful he knew he got his hand on the throne of god do you know that

when you pray do you know that or even if you don't pray your hand on the throne you can alter the destinies of people you know this is a tremendous thing there aren't many people that can do this witness their words witness their attitude witness the torrent that flows out of their mouth they haven't got their hand on the throne they haven't got confidence and they can't impart confidence and they can't inspire courage they can't do it now this is basic this is what it's got a baby now you know and when i'm speaking now i'm sort of saying inside oh god raise up some people here among us there are the thousands of other things you can be doing and not do this i hear people say we've got to get our priorities right here's one you get this one you get this one it's great to have a hand that

can smite a rock and see water come gushing out but it's no use than this you're going to have a hand on the throne and keep the amalekites of it afterwards amen amalekites the liquors up ah well we've got to move on i would like to say that if you are doing a study of the children of israel this of course is logical you've got in chapter 16 you have john chapter 6 in chapter 17 you have john chapter 7 you have the bread of god in john 6 which is what's talked about in chapter 16 you have the waters of god in chapter 7 you know if any man thirsts let him come unto me and drink but he said only after the rock's smitten but he didn't say it that way he said he was speaking of the holy spirit the holy ghost wasn't yet given because the rock wasn't a bit more jesus hadn't died and being

glorified at that time so they're in their logical sequential order and if you're going to have bread from heaven you've got to have water from heaven too in order to keep living and keep going chapter 18 we're missing over not because it's not important as simply because moises is a study that could take us for at least six months in the third month chapter 19 when the children of israel were gone forth out of the land of egypt the same day came they into the wilderness of sinai for they were departed from rephidim and were come to the desert of sinai and had pitched in the wilderness and there israel camped before the month and moises went up unto god hmm praise god moises went up under you know i can't read that phrase without getting absolutely thrilled i get thrilled through and through

the man that went up unto god all the others just wanted a nice camping spot they were off for canyon and the promised land moises wasn't you say you surprised me well i hope i not only surprise you i hope i correct you moises wasn't really bothered about canyon at all do you realize that he wasn't bothered whether he got to canyon or not you do realize that no well beloved this is the way he spoke i want to draw your attention to it we're coming we're coming on to this as much later chapter 33 at the moment the lord says unto moises depart and go up hence thou and the people which thou has brought up out of the land of egypt unto the land which i swear unto abraham to isaac and to jacob saying unto thy seed will i give it

and i will send an angel before thee and i will drive out the

canaanite the amirite the hittite the perizzite the hidebite the jebusite unto a land flowing with milk and honey for i will not go up in the midst of thee for there are a fifth next people lest i consume thee in the way all right that's the statement that's the promise now hear mooses response he's talking to the lord and he said verse 15 his thy presence go not with me carry us not up since hence i'm not particular about going to canaan as you are one i am absolutely certain that most people miss canyons because they want canyons it's become the big thing in charismatic pentecostal circles that's what they want mooses wasn't bothered i won't go he had already had something far far better than that when he spoke those words glory let's go to the 19th chapter again mooses went up unto god

leave these others camping down there eating their manna and their quails drinking their living water by this time they're drinking water of the spiritual rock that was following them according to paul they never had any more water trouble except when they came back to this rock a lot later on as they traveled through the howling wilderness they drank water of the spiritual rock that followed them those deserts underwent such a geographical and geological change kept the scientists spinning in their heads they don't know god did miracles they were a miracle people you've got to understand this completely and science knows nothing of it here is the wonder of god's glory there down there and mooses has gone up unto god now i want to show tell you something love it that mooses during this

period had two periods of 40 days fasting he had no food he didn't even have any of the blessed manna he didn't drink water out of the rock and for 80 days with a little break in between he lived on god what does he want with canaan well tell me what has canaan got to offer nothing for him he wanted to go over of course it wasn't a great big punishment when god didn't let him go he passed into god this is the wonder about this man let me say it again there are so so very few who know this yeah they've had a blood experience they've had a red sea crossing experience they've had all kinds of experiences but they don't know this beloved is there someone among us here that's going to know god in this way or are we all going to be so bogged down by neffenvale projects gardening projects star

projects cars doing and one thing and another going off to business getting our heads filled all up with that running this running the other oh if god doesn't breathe a man of god among us we're all sunk we're sunk absolutely i know there's a legitimate this and there's a legitimate the other we can do this and we can do that and we can pray and we can have blessings bless the name of the lord he's so full of blessings he can't hold them back start to fulfill some of his ways and you get such a shower why you think it's it must be a very heaven itself because we're so mean and narrow and shut up here's a man he goes up under god well i'm galloping where's the clock oh i'm galloping you i hope you know the story of this chapter 19 it's a famous chapter and the hebrews writer comments on

it it was a tremendous time it was the time when god was going to come down and speak to the people i tell you it was a frightening experience no wonder when god when mooses first met god he was afraid again he got afraid again here it says for hebrews it is that tells us hebrews 12 says that mooses told the people i exceedingly fear and shake this is the occasion he's talking about when god came down on sinai verse 16 on the third day in the morning thunders lightnings thick cloud upon the mount the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud all the people that were in the camp trembled including mooses according to the writings in the hebrews and mooses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with god and they stood at the nether part of the mountain mount sinai was altogether on a smoke

because the lord descended upon it in fire and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace and the whole mountain quaked greatly and when the voice of the trumpet sounded long and waxed louder and louder moses spoke and god answered him by a voice this was a tremendous occasion moses refers to it 40 years later in the book of deuteronomy you may have read it i hope you have in that great chapter 4 i won't sort of turn to it now at least i have turned to it but i mean i won't get you quoting looking into it god as moses said to these people did ever a nation hear the voice of god speaking to them as you did for the first time the whole nation of israel heard god's voice it was a tremendous time moses is up the mount and the lord came down upon mount sinai verse 20 on the top of

the mount and the lord called moses up to the top of the mount for he'd gone down again and moses went up and the lord said to moses go down amen he said well it's a bit of an up and down business isn't it that's right he went up and came down you bring the people there and get them to the other man i'm going to talk to them all right came down brought them there he came moses goes up god says go down and so verse 25 moses goes down unto the people spake unto them and then god spoke the words of the covenant i am jehovah elohim which have brought me out of the land of egypt out of the house of bondage and moses was down among the people when god spoke these words to him god moses received from god the ten commandments in verbal form and passed them on to the children of israel it's moses

that's doing the speaking what a marvelous thing this man had become a true person god was speaking to moses and he was speaking it out to the people tremendous let's go on let's keep pace with the revelation chapter 20 chapter 21 22 23 and in verse 1 of 24 god says to moses come up now he's up again glory be to the name lord i want to tell you beloved that this is the most vital period in the history of the children of israel most wonderful it equals what took place in egypt if not exceeded amen there's a tremendous time for moses and uh he says come up unto the lord thou nadab and abihu nadab was the heir apparent to the high priesthood nadab he was aaron's eldest son and uh 70 of the elders of israel worship ye afar off and moses alone shall come near the lord but they shall not come

nigh neither shall the people go up with him and moses came and told the people all the words of the lord and all the judgments and all the people answered with one voice and said all the words which the lord has said will we do and moses wrote all the words of the lord and rose up early in the morning and built in an altar under the hill and 12 pillars according to the 12 tribes of israel moses wrote down chapters 20 21 22 and 23 of exodus that's what he did what god had said all right then he builds the altars and the 12 pillars and he sent young men verse 5 of the children of israel which offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the lord and moses took half of the blood and put it in basins and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar and he took the book

of the covenant there it was those four chapters that at that time was the book of the covenant he took the book of the covenant and read it in the audience of the people and they said all that the lord has said will we do and be obedient and moses took the blood sprinkled it on the people and said behold the blood of the covenant which the lord has made with you concerning all these words i hope you and i understand that the blood of jesus christ that we know think about preach about read about sing about pray about i want to tell you there is the blood of the new covenant and the new covenant is only made with you upon the basis of the fact that you will be obedient and keep the words of god if you're not prepared to do that there's no covenant established with you i i don't know

whether you've ever realized that i i i sometimes say when i'm preaching i'm not for sure that lots of people who are sitting meetings rallies conferences crusades whatever you want to call them and they have

something preached to them and they're told to come to jesus and get their sins forgiven or something like that i am not so sure sometimes there may be a harsh word and seeing that on my own stamping ground i know you can take some of the things i say i'm not so sure they're not conned into something and they don't know what they're doing they don't really know what they're doing they come under some form of attraction perhaps i hope you've read the article that was so guidedly put in the newsletter if you've not read the newsletter that's been published here get hold of one where aw

tozer says the same thing that preachers will say oh yeah we supply this we can find oh yes all this that and the other people say they respond but do they know that they're contracting with god to be obedient or are they only wanting to escape going to hell for the sins they've committed you see it seems to me that the covenant is never preached i do thank god that in those early days god revealed unto me the truth of the new covenant that we had to preach to get men and women with understanding to engage with god on something and that's why the holy ghost keeps flowing that's why the work that would kept being done that's why the truth was established because they came in knowing what it was all about it's like getting saying hurry up hurry up hurry up the train's just going and they

jump on the train like i said where's this train going where's this train going where's this place oh he's going to gospel who's the last place i wanted to go i didn't want that well i thought it was going somewhere else you see and this is what people jumped on the gospel train i might say if i may use that and they don't know where they've gone they don't know what it's all about i wonder if they're being conned and then they find it doesn't work and all sorts of things are happening and it's not like they thought and oh dear they want to go back they open the door i want to jump out for something you see now may the lord grant unto us an understanding it's the blood of the covenant that the lord makes with you amen it's a tremendous thing let's go on moses aaron najab and the bihu and

the 70 elders they go up into the mountain and they see the god of israel and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone and as it were the body of heaven in clearness in his clearness and upon the nobles elders princes whatever you want to read of the children of israel he laid not his hand also they saw god and did eat and drink well they saw god no man has seen god at any time you must have read that in the scripture what in the world does it mean well they have a glimpse of god all right and just as it is with you and with i we would love to see god wouldn't we sometimes you see a post-op you've only got to open your eyes and you can see god it's a picture of his handiwork you know well that's very nice that's what the poet see that's what dear old bill

wordworth thought you see and he wrote all kinds of things about this sort of pantheistic god that he worshipped in nature and all this you can you can see i can see god in a tree i can see god in a snowdrop or i can see god in a mountain but you don't really mean you see god it's all according whether you're artistic or poetic you think you can see more than other people who are just plain stupid like i am you see that but but it's all in a very airy fairy stage moses was afraid to look upon god in the burning bush but all he would have seen was fire a manifestation of him in other words that's what you see in jesus christ god was manifest in the flesh when we see jesus christ it was a manifestation of god the sun they're really god the spirit in there but nobody saw that amen now here's

the thing uh these people they saw god and they could talk about his feet and the pavement under his feet and say that's god that's god that's god you know i've often told you i think i might have told you how that well i don't know um when queen elizabeth when she was a very very young queen when she was just married or whatever it was she visited bradford where we lived we were all excitement i got judith up on

my shoulders because she was royalty mad i thought look in yes we saw the queen we saw the queen but if anybody asked to describe i couldn't describe it i thought there was a figure in a cab say yeah i saw the queen but i couldn't have told her what kind of a mouth or a nose she'd got or what makeup she had on or what she hadn't got and see what i mean i don't think she had her

crown on but i saw the queen just about now this is what you're talking about uh not so long ago i was down in london i told you the story of it and uh um and there was state opening of parliament and i got even a closer look at the queen but i haven't really seen the queen i mean i haven't had one of these kind of oh i haven't really seen the queen do you understand what i'm trying to say to you now this is what it's all about at a later time i don't know whether we'll get this all here tonight um uh moises is allowed to see god even closer so his back part nobody can see me and live says god that's the wonder of it because this is why we so treasure our glorious jesus because he sees he's right there and he's there for me and i've got to see god through jesus's eyes and i can't do that

if i haven't got jesus's nature and if i haven't got jesus's spirit and nor can you here is the marvelous anyway that was fine the lord says to moises verse 12 come up to me into the mount and be there and i will give thee tables of stone and the law and commandments which i have written so thou mayest teach them moises rises up with his minister joshua and moises went up into the mount of god he said unto the elders carry ye here for us until we come again unto you and behold aaron and her are with you if any man have any matters to do let him come unto them and moises went up into the mount and a cloud covered the mount and the glory of the lord abode upon mount sinai and a cloud covered it six days and the seventh day he called unto moises out of the midst of the cloud and the sight of the

glory of the lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mountain the eyes of the children of israel and moises went into the midst of the cloud and get him up into the mountain moises was in the mount 40 days and 40 nights and up there he received all the instructions about the building of the tabernacle all right and we pass over the intervening chapters and come to the end of chapter 31 and he gave unto moises verse 18 when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount sinai two tables of testimony tables of stone written with the finger of god 40 days now 40 in scripture as you may know is the number of probation as the 40th day drew on verse 1 chapter 32 when the people saw that moises delayed to come down out of the mount the people gathered themselves together unto aaron and

say unto him up make us gods which shall go before us for as for this moises the man that brought us up out of the land of egypt we what not what is become of him we what not what's become of him he'd gone up into the mount it was all black with cloud where is he lost wandering about in the thick black darks of the cloud or has he gone on and got burned up in the fire did he offer himself as a sacrifice unto god what did he do what's become of him where is he shall we ever see him again they didn't know where moises had gone we know where he'd gone he'd gone into god marvelous the fire that first burned in the bush he was there living with god in the fire as you know there were three hebrew children who did this later on in daniel's day he went there and i don't know what happened to him i

only know that this man whom god of gold had passed through it all see down the bottom of the mountain they were all on about sacrifice and altars and blood and that was fine and then part way up the mountain there was a group of elders and they were all talking about we've seen god we've seen god we've eaten and drunk in his presence it's marvelous he didn't kill us he's full of mercy and so on and so on and so on but moises has gone on beyond them all he's gone right up there into god this is what he was after he'd always been after this ever since god put his hand on him have you got anything in you that consumes

you like that what a tremendous thing god calls and calls and calls terrible things people lose the vision terrible if they lose the call so many other things all of them so

good and so legitimate but he's gone out there he's gone they didn't know what's happened to him he passed beyond their understanding completely couldn't begin to follow him amen and amen they just did not understand moses i want to tell you this they didn't understand what he said they couldn't begin to make head or tail of some of the things moses said they couldn't understand what made him tick the power by which he lived they couldn't understand him at all moses was the man of mystery practical as you could ever find but he knew what it was god listen young man don't you ever miss the call of god you can just puddle along and people say you're very good he's a good steady brother and all this business but have you missed the call of god you can even get up as far as a her or an erin

and some of the other elders and be equal with them what you see of god is not what moses thought god this explains everything you know it can be said a lot of people they're all right as far as they go there's nothing wrong with them as far as they go god says come right up here moses moses goes up in his basic innocence of perfect trust and lives up there with the lord of course he was a dead man you know that don't you that's what they thought they thought well what's become of him he's dead what a tremendous thing that happened well you know how that there's the story of the golden calf being made and god said to moses go verse seven get thee down for thy people which thou broughtest up out of the land of egypt have corrupted themselves and so he goes right down verse 15 um no sorry

the lord says to moses verse nine i've seen this people behold it's a stiff-necked people now therefore let me alone so my wrath may wax hot against them that i may consume them and i will make of thee a great nation beloved that's a vetted revelation that this you see the place of intimacy and friendship into which god moses had passed with god that god had opened himself up to moses in a marvelous way and he said let them all do you realize this that moses and the lord were on first name terms with one another did you know that not that moses lived in these this terrible familiarity of this age where we keep calling god you you are my deliverer you are the basic common luring of god the too terrible he's got to be thee he's always got to be the great singular god high and holy i refuse

to sing the rubbish until at times perhaps you can't just alter it in the nick of time from you to thee this over familiarity that is one of the stench of this modern charismatic movement moses was brought into this blessed intimacy it's nothing to do whether that's our with well it's our form of speech in these days that bespeaks of the way in which we've lowered god it wasn't our form of speech so many years ago didn't suddenly become that it's it's the cheating of god he's not like us he's got to be made distinct and higher in our thinking so surely as the churches keep on this line so surely will they drag themselves down to a lower plane it's nothing to do with it if we're in the in the 20th century and in the late 20th century well it is i suppose but nothing to do with education

it's to do with honor that's what it's to do with to do with the set of the heart what a tremendous and glorious truth it is to understand what it's all about and here is god saying to moses he had let moses into the secret in the fire he says let me alone moses he allowed moses to come into such a glorious relationship with himself but you'll never find moses demeaning god never i tell you which what if you honor a person you set them on high if you love a person you honor them that's what you do they hold a position that you could never allow and to be shared with anybody else and all the common people i'm one of the common people if you love somebody else in that way that i'm talking about it's distinct it's wonderful and in your heart you hold that person rare that's what you do and i

want to say to any of you men or women that are thinking about courting or marriage if the other person doesn't hold you like that have nothing to do with them they don't love you they don't know what love is we all have to start to learn to love perhaps years after we think we already know how to it's got to be progressive it's got to be more and more distinct and wonderful as the years go by that's what it has to be it's so glorious and true amen and amen and i only wish i had words in which to communicate all i feel about it is you honor the lord and don't you drag him down right and call you you because you're the common herd like i am but if it was god sitting there i wouldn't god knows i wouldn't and neither would you so don't you do it in your cheap chorus singing unless you're not

singing to god and just going through the mouthings of a nice tune and words know what we're doing hallelujah hallelujah god is wonderful you might come under on the first name terms with him but you'll never demean him never now what a glorious thing mooses besought the lord god in verse 11 said lord why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people which thou has brought forth out of the land of egypt with great power and with a mighty hand did you notice something in that verse 11 mooses says to god they're thy people doesn't say they're your people did you notice they're ever so intimate with him it wasn't lack of education nothing to do with the centuries this has to do with eternal worth has to do with the state of the mind and notice he says they're thy people are you ready now in verse

7 the lord says to mooses get thee down for they're thy people god said to mooses they are thy people mooses says to god they're thy people and on that basis he turned god for what god was going to do that's a tremendous thing did you think it was impossible to make god change his mind no it isn't look at verse 14 the lord repented now that word repent simply means change of mind doesn't do with sin he was going to do an evil thing to the people what was that he's going to plague them cut them off and finish with them that's not a good thing that's an evil thing god can do evil as well as good don't mistake evil for sinful or iniquitous you know i wouldn't count it to be the best thing if somebody dropped a bomb on the lodge tonight and all this sort of thing i would think that was an evil

thing to do providing i was alive to think it afterwards i uh you see and i say you might think well it'd be a sinful thing wouldn't it no it might be that there was a uh an raf plane flew over and it fell off by accident but it was an evil thing happened to me it wasn't done with any sinful intention i'm trying to get you to see things straight because most people are twisted in their thinking and cannot see straight on these things god changed his mind he was going to do something there was maybe do you think he did an evil thing to pharaoh i would think so he brought a lot of evil on pharaoh we're twisted in it because when men partook against the will of god of the three of the knowledge of good and evil evil became sinful because they did it under the devil's power so ever since

we'll never be able to dissociate sin from evil amen what a glorious thing for us to understand now let's move on and mooses is a man with god listen he's not only got his hand on the throne he's got the ten commandments in his hands as well now praise god he's got them in his hand two tables of stone glorious he's in the covenant and in that covenant now he's got an audience with god not just a hand on the phone either and he can talk to god through god's mercy and his grace it's wonderful let's go and i get excited about this i don't know why you wish it they're so impassive i get real excited about this something glorious it thrills me mooses turn he goes down the mount the two tables of testimony were in his hand the tables were written on both their sides on the one side and on the

other where they written and the tables were the work of god and the writing was the work right writing of god graven upon the tablet joseph and joshua hears the noise of the people as they shouted you must

always understand this that almost always certainly this time when moises went into the presence of god joshua went with him joshua here is as you know jesus it's the old word jesus was with moises all right jesus was a minister of the circumcision jesus was born under the old covenant jesus was with moises keep that very clear i'd like to be able to discuss this but not tonight some other time they come down the mountain jesus hears the noise in the camp joshua does he says there's a noise of war in the camp and moises said it's not the voice of them that shout for mastery and neither is

it the voice of them that cry for being overcome but the noise of them that sing do i hear and it came to pass as soon as he came out of the camp that he saw the calf and the dance thing and moises angle went top and he cast the tables out of his hands and break them beneath the mountain he took the calf which they had made and burnt it in the fire and ground it to powder and scalded upon the water and made the children of israel drink of it you will know that this later got defined into the law of jealousy you'll find it in numbers the red heifer this is exactly what happened god was a jealous god and he was very jealous for the lord god of of israel's sake and and he he threw the gold back into the fire and to distort the horrible shape of the calf and pulled the thing out and ground it

to powder and there went their gold and he floated it on the water that was still flying there and he made them drink it god's jealousy and he was very jealous for the lord god of heaven's sake tremendous the thing that burned in this man's heart he'd been up into the fire oh verse 25 when moises saw that the people were naked for aaron had made them naked under their shame among their enemies then moises stood in the gate of the camp and said who is on the lord's side let him come unto me and all the sons of levi gathered themselves together unto him and he said thus says the lord god of israel put every man he saw by side going out from gate to gate throughout the camp slay every man his brother and every man his companion and every man his neighbor and the children of his levi did

according to the word of moises and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men for moises had said consecrate yourselves today to the lord even every man upon his son upon his brother that he may restore upon you a blessing this day oh listen what do you know about consecration what do you know about consecration do you just associate it with francis ridley have a go and attune to a hymn called consecration take my life and let it be consecrated lord to thee what do you mean oh here is the true word of consecration hallelujah the great word of consecration what a tremendous truth it is hmm go on put the sword in your hand it's not just singing a nice tune written by mozart is it because that's who wrote it they came back with their swords dripping with the bloods of their

sons and their companions and their neighbors that's consecration why because the levites had sold the children that i brought out to sin and it had been done by the chief of the levites consecration entails the redemption of the name too and the forstanding and i hope you understand it isn't just something that you do in an emotional moment it's something that you do with uh sword in a moment who's on the lord's side come here all right you see that's not too bad go and stand by him on moises now he said here's the real consecration draw your sword what a dreadful thing what a dreadful thing consecration in the end means that a separation doesn't it and a god it's a it's a it's a a great big thing may the immensity of it grasp our hearts beloved it wasn't in the response coming and

standing there it was in the reception of the word of god and going right through with god amen that wasn't the end of it either it wasn't just the sword of the lord going through for god visited them with a plague just a little lower down because of the sin the sin was this that on the two tablets of stone was written thou shalt have none other god before me that was the first commandment the second thou shalt not bow down

thyslf unto them nor worship them the third thou should make no likeness of anything on the earth in the heavens under the earth and they've broken all the first three commandments by making the golden calf that's what they've done so mozes smashed the ten commandments smashed them what a terrible terrible thing of course they never understand this man mozes verse 31

he returns to the lord and he says oh this people have sinned the great sin and have made them gods of gold yet now if thou wilt forgive their sin and if not blot me i pray thee out of thy book which thou have written what a great man this man was i've already said he wasn't really set on canaan for himself when he got there he would like to have gone he was set on it for the children of israel didn't matter whether he got there or not he looked upon these people and sometimes i feel that this position has to be taken by the leaders of god if they're just going to be satisfied with milk and honey and fig trees and houses that never built they surely had a rough time in egypt so let them have that perhaps they deserve it but god that's not good enough for me lord too many people are too

easily content with the goody goodies and the blessings what are you after what are you after after all is it what or is it who somebody will probably be thinking of that marvelous hymn my goal is god himself for joy and peace not even blessing but himself my god lovely to sing but i wonder if you're like mozes oh lord if thou will forgive us i can't see any real reason i came down around them there they were i got angry i understand now why you were angry lord i understand that you were so gracious to repent change your mind about flooding them out i understand it he smashed the ten commandments perhaps he wondered whether that was sufficient justification to be plotted out as a book of life himself anyway he said if thou will forgive them you know what to say do you know what to say how

what could he suggest to god what excuse could he make his own brother aaron he'd been up in the mountains and he'd heard god talking about aaron and the levite and the priesthood and there was aaron down there leading them away from god he'd been up in the mountains and he'd heard god saying this listen i'm back into chapter 25 when god mozes has gone up into the midst of the clouds and got him up into the fire through the darkness the lord in chapter 25 says to mozes speak unto the children of israel that they bring me an offering of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart you shall take my offering let them make me a sanctuary that i may dwell among them that's what he'd been saying he'd been wanting to live with them and then the the dreadful insults the the terrible innate

nature of them to turn against god made him say i'll destroy them mozes i i'll start with you i can start with you mozes i can make a nation of you i did it from abraham i'll do it with you we'll make a fresh start at mozes and mozes said no lord no no no and what he did and this is for the thing for all of us to understand he turned god's thinking back to the covenant he'd made with abraham this is what you promised lord had god forgotten his promise no this was mozes's training time that's what you said you said you'd bring them in lord isn't it a wonderful thing to be able to bring god's own words back to his heart isn't it a wonderful thing in full intended purpose of turning it to power among them not just an ability to quote yards and yards of scripture there is a fallacy among

certain people that the pray they think you've got to keep praying quoting scriptures wasn't so long ago i was over in wales ministering and and a fellow i won't mention his background has gotten hold of this particular mention you don't pray when you you pray you don't quote about you're supposed to quote the scriptures when you're praying yeah and there are people that believe that with all their heart now it's not a bad thing please don't but they've misunderstood it all people think if you would just quote the scriptures right you're praying perfectly god doesn't want perfect formation of language in prayer what god wants is

an ability to come to his heart if you like and make him do something whether you pray in bad scots or good yorkshire something that makes no difference to god do

you understand that again i'm coming back don't get on this over familiar line of you yours and all this business come off it get to respect this great being know with whom you're dealing shall i not reform my language precisely that's what i am saying you should you say well i can't god can if you honor him enough that's the time try it tomorrow this weekend go and stay six hours in the presence of god if you can that'll change you that'll change you six hours 40 days and 40 nights moises was there and after this occasion won't you believe it he goes back for another 40 days and 40 nights oh can't you have enough moises enough who can have enough of god oh i'm not meaning that now i mean you haven't had your food you didn't have your breakfast didn't have your dinner you you uh didn't have

this you didn't have dinner what's it like on a bare mountain i mean cold at night hot in the day what were they doing up there moises i passed into god i passed into god wonderful i think i must finish here with something that i started let's continue shall we with

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