

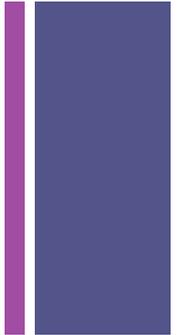
A paved path lined with trees and a hedge in autumn. The path is covered with fallen yellow and orange leaves. The trees have vibrant autumn foliage, and a dense green hedge runs along the right side of the path. The scene is peaceful and scenic.

Seven Prayers
that Changed the
World and Can
Change Your
Life



The Greatest Hunger of
Our Hearts
Exodus 33:12-23

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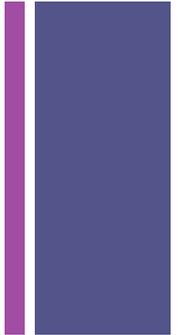


Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’¹³ If you are pleased with me, **teach me your ways** so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.”

¹⁴ The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”



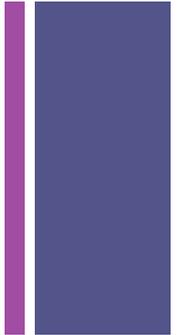
Exodus 33:12-23, continued



- ¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, “**If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.** ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”
- ¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”
- ¹⁸ Then Moses said, “**Now show me your glory.**”



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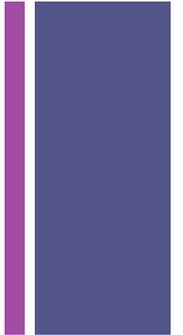


¹⁹ And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”

²¹ Then the LORD said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²² When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.”



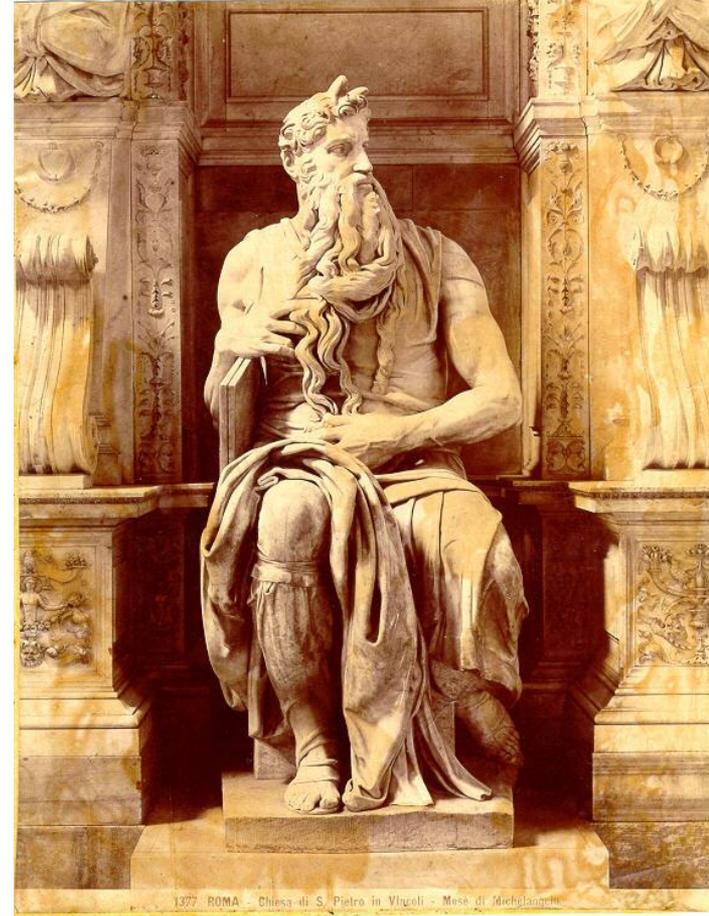
A prayer that will change your life:



- **“Lord, my heart is hungry for You. Show me Your glory.”**
- There were three aspects of this prayer:
- Lord, teach me Your ways, for only Your ways are the right ways.
- Lord, give me Your Presence, for I need You in my life.
- Lord, show me Your glory, for there is no one like You, and only You satisfy my heart.

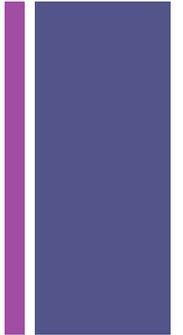
+ Three Stages of Moses' Life

- Stage One: Member of the nobility of Egypt
- Stage Two: Shepherd in the wilderness of Sinai
- **Stage Three:** Deliverer of Israel from Egyptian enslavement. Moses had reasons to doubt himself: anger, emotional decisions, poor speaking ability, and he was old. Yet he was entrusted with great responsibility



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+ The greatest hunger of your heart?

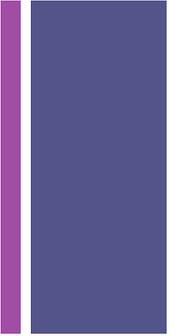


- “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled” (Matthew 5:6)
- Cursed are those who hunger and thirst after unrighteous things, for they will never be filled.
- “So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool?” (Ecclesiastes 2:17-19a)

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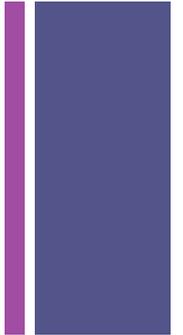
What do we gain in Christ that is worth thirsting for?

- **A new way of living – God’s way**
- **A new Companion to live it with – God**
- **A new goal in life – to see the glory of God**

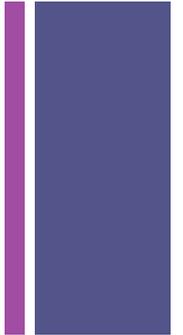


+ 1. “Teach me Your ways”

- “**Teach**” – process, learning, understanding, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, valuing
- “**Me**” – fallen, weak, unable, unsteady
- “**Your**” – Holy, perfect, righteous, pure
- “**Ways**” – paths, manner, choices, values, perspectives, patience, reaction, maturity
- “That I may know you”



+ Four Choices in Life



“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matt 6:33).

1. My Plan, done my way – the “Self Life”
2. God’s Plan, done my way – the “Carnal Life”
3. My Plan, done God’s way – “Spiritual Bribery”
4. God’s Plan, done God’s way – Surrender and Obedience



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**Determine your
Destination**

Your Wants

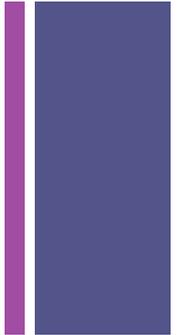
Your Appetites

Your Desires



2. Give me Your Presence

“Go with me (us)”



- Outward displays of providence: “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here ... What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?” (Exodus 33:15-16)
- Inner sealing of the Spirit: Eph. 1:13-14; “You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him (Rom. 8:9, ESV).
- Inner awareness of the presence of the Spirit experienced through living in agreement with Him.

+ Asa and the Cushites (2 Chron. 14-15)

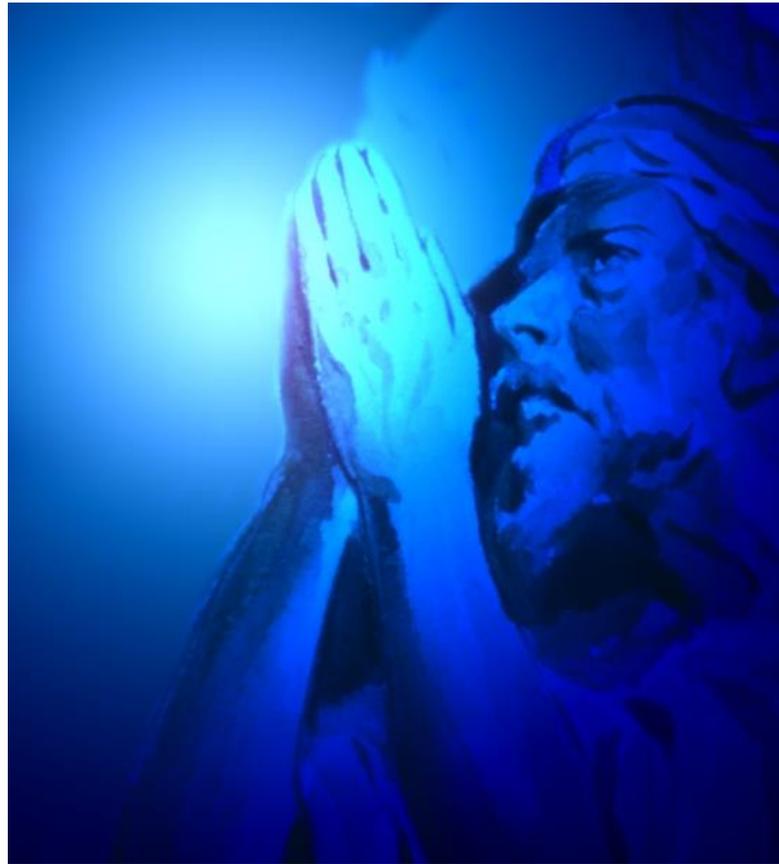
- 1 million Cushites came to fight at Maresha. Asa prayed for God's Presence and they defeated a much larger army.
- "Listen to me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you" (2 Chron 15:2).





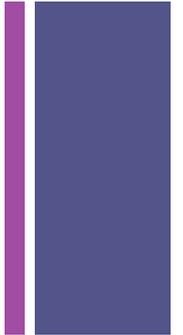
How to enjoy the presence of God: Responsibility and Accountability

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us” (1 John 1:9-10).





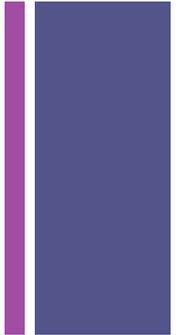
The Church Aflame with God: The Community and the Believer



“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective” (James 5:16).

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me” (Rev. 3:20).

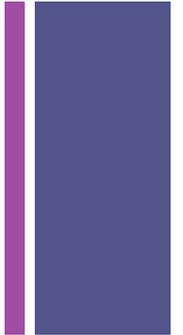
+ 3. Show me Your Glory



- A request to see God as He truly is, not as we want Him to be, or as others have portrayed Him to be, but as He is.
- His name is “I Am”—Moses understood God was greater than He had yet experienced.
- This desire in Moses’ heart was placed there by God. “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world” (John 17:24).

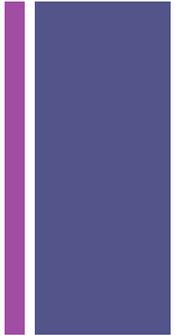


What Moses Could Not Bear



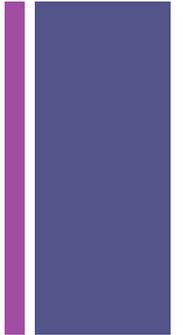
- “No one can see me and live” (Exod. 33:20). The Glory of God: Eternal power, greatness, love, holiness, wisdom, knowledge – There is more to God than we can bear in this life.
- “Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known” (1 Cor. 13:12).
- “All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you” (John 16:13-15).

+ The Lasting Effect



- **Deeper Worship** – not wanting the time with God to end.
- **Deeper Awareness of Personal Sin** – quick to confess and stop from wrong thoughts and behavior.
- **Freedom in Christ:** “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit” (2 Cor. 3:17-18).
- **Fruitfulness:** God established the work of Moses

+ A prayer that will change your life:



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