

God's Sermon on His Name – Pt. 3 (Sermon Series from 2020)¹

Exodus 33:12–34:9

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MAIN IDEA: God's self-revelation in Exodus 34 destroys inadequate, idolatrous views of God and replaces them with a glimpse of His holiness, greatness, and goodness.

SERMON OUTLINE:

- I. God Is Good (34:6b-7a).
 - A. Good in His Attributes—Who He Is (6)
 1. He is Compassionate (6).
 2. He is Gracious (6).
 3. He is Slow to Anger (6).
 4. He is Abounding in Lovingkindness & Truth (6).
 - B. Good in His Actions—What He Does (7a)
 1. “[He] keeps lovingkindness for thousands” (7a).
 2. “[He] forgives iniquity, transgression and sin” (7a)

BIBLICAL/THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS

1. In Exodus 33:18–19, how does God explain His glory? How was Satan's temptation of Eve in the garden an attack on the goodness of God? How would deepening your understanding of God's goodness help you when tempted?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. How might God's gracious and compassionate response to our sin (John 3:16; Titus 2:11) help us to respond in a godly way that is slow to anger toward those who sin against us?

¹ Questions have been repurposed from Pastor Tom's sermon series “God's Sermon on His Name.”

- a. Is there a specific person you can think of that you could apply these truths?
2. Who are the two groups mentioned in verse 7? What actions does God promise toward each?
 - a. Does the group that God forgives and gives grace to have something unique or special that allows them to receive God's forgiveness?
 - b. How does God's gracious character and actions toward sin make clear how He would respond to sinners who turn to Him?
 - c. How might God's gracious character and actions toward our sin motivate a Christian's worship and desire to reflect Him?