

Sermon Notes

Series: Exploring Exodus: Redemption from the Depths to Glory

Text: Exodus 40:34-38

Title: The Glory of the Lord!!

2 reaffirmations

I. THE GLORIOUS PRESENCE IN THEIR MIDST

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A. IT IS A REALIZED PRESENCE

The heaviness of his divine being, the infinite perfection of his Triune deity. What was promised is now performed; what was awaited is now accomplished. The crucial significance of Ex 25:8; 3:12; 4:23; 7:16; etc. Formerly witnessed in Ex 13:21-22; 24:15-17; 33:21-23; etc., but now in full "available" radiance!! Key terms= covered, filled. Reversal of Gen 3.

B. IT IS A REMAINING PRESENCE

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Settled. Glory that dwelled on Sinai, Ex 24:16, now moves to the tabernacle, the building signifying Yahweh's Presence among his people, indeed a kind of "incarnation." Here, the movement of the divine glory from Sinai to the tabernacle; shift in locus of theophany from mountain to tabernacle; the same God of the patriarchs, 3:6, 16; 4:5; 6:3, 8, is the God of Israel; therefore, the religion of the patriarchs is the same as that of Israel. Continuity applies to today's Church, Christians.

C. IT IS A RESTRICTING PRESENCE

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"No Entry" sign to Moses. Recall 33:20. See 1 Ki 8:9-11, ark being brought into temple. Divine holiness, transcendence not compromised by divine immanence. Intensity of divine holiness, God must be approached, worshipped on his terms alone. Presence, majesty. Problem= man still a sinner. Prepares way for sacrificial system in Lev 1-9. Christ fulfills all: our substitutionary sacrifice, Heb 9:24-26; our access to God; Eph 2:18; 3:12; Heb 4:14-16; the ultimate Lamb of God, Jn 1:29, 36, 1 Cor 5:7; his blood alone can save, cleanse sinners, Heb 9:13-14, once for all, 7:27; 9:12, 26; 10:10.

II. THE GUIDING PRESENCE IN THEIR MOVEMENT

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A. A DYNAMIC GUIDANCE

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Not static, immobile, inactive, See Num 9:17-23. Complete dependence. Already experienced in redemption accomplished in Ex 13:21; 14:19; cf. Pss 78:14; 105:39. Now, further encountered in redemption "applied."

B. A DETERMINED GUIDANCE

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To lead them into the PL. The original goal. This gave them comfort, confidence that he who began a good work Phi 1:6; 1 Cor 1:8. Jesus is the true tabernacle of God, Col 1:19, who descends in glory, Jn 1:14, to dwell among his people, to lead them to God, 1 Pe 3:18. He alone can give the rest that the PL typified, Mt 11:28-30. Let us strive to enter that rest, Heb 3:12-4:3.

C. A DISCERNIBLE GUIDANCE

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The pilgrim motif is re-emphasized. The divine, covenant promise to never leave or forsake; to be with us in life and in death, in joys and in sorrows.....through many dangers, toils and snares!!!

We have been redeemed by grace alone, and are pilgrims, exiles, scattered in this foreign land but are on our way..... cf. Heb 11:13-16; 13:12-14. Our lot is better, we have the Holy Spirit indwelling us, 1 Cor 3:16; 6:19-20; Gal 4:6.

Our unshakable eschatological hope = 2nd Coming of Christ in all his glory, Mt 24:30. In heaven, great paradox = fullest expression of tabernacle/temple = no tabernacle/temple for Triune God himself is our dwelling-place, Rev 21:3, 22. Ultimate fulfillment of Ex 19:4.