

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: January 15, 2023
Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

1. What did we talk about in the last week's study in the first part of chapter 34?
 - a. God spoke to Moses and told him to chisel out two more stone tablets.
 - b. Moses obeyed and God wrote his words on them as with the first ones.
 - c. God passed in front of Moses and declared himself (his character) to Moses.
 - d. God made a covenant with Moses and restated the law.

2. What happens in this text, in verse 29?
 - a. Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets.
 - b. Moses was unaware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord.

3. How did Israel respond when they saw the face of Moses, according to verse 30? _____

What did Moses do, according to verse 31? _____
What did Israel do, according to 31-32? _____
What did Moses do when they came near, according to 32? _____

4. What did Moses do in verse 33, when he had finished speaking? _____

What did he do when he went into the presence of God again, according to verse 34? _____

What did the people see, according to verse 35? _____

What did Moses do after that, according to the end of verse 35? _____

5. Paul refers to this text in 2 Corinthians 3:7-18. Before I studied this, I believed that they covered Moses's face because the people were so afraid. However, sometimes the way we learn best how to interpret scripture is by reading how the church leaders, themselves, interpreted scripture. What does Paul say about the glory of God on Moses's face (see verses 7 & 13). _____

6. How does Paul apply this text from a New Testament Perspective?
 - a. He is describing the superiority of God's new covenant with His people to the Old one.
 - b. He is noting that the Glory of God was present in the Old Covenant, which is why Moses' face shone.
 - c. He points out that by the presence of God's Spirit, the glory does not have to fade.
 - d. The veil becomes a metaphor for our need to hide the fading glory of God...and he says we should no longer need veils because the glory no longer needs to fade because we can now, finally, dwell in the presence of God by His Spirit.

7. What, then, should we learn from these texts about God's desire for our lives? _____

8. Are you living in the "ever-increasing glory" of God or does the glory of God fade between times when you visit with him? _____
