

Why did Moses recognize the sound so much more quickly than Joshua? Acts 7, 22.  
 What was his first act on coming to the camp?  
 What is meant by "ground to powder"?  
 Why did he strew the dust over the water?  
 What part had Aaron taken in this sin?  
 Was he innocent or guilty?  
 Is his account in ver. 24 accurate and sufficient?  
 Where does he try to put the blame?  
 What was Moses compelled to do to quell the rebellion his acts caused? read Vers. 26-28.

**PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.**

Very often men are called from scenes of exaltation to scenes of depression. From God in the mount to the calf on the plain is a common experience.

The loss which sin causes is taught here: see ver. 19, God's handiwork; vs. 20, their property; ver. 28, their lives.

See how little sin makes a great man appear. Poor Aaron! See how he takes up the spirit of Adam: "the woman tempted me." "They said unto me, Make us gods."

Moses put the blame where it belonged. ver. 25.

So God is never deceived. He is not mocked.

**HINTS FOR HOME STUDY.**

1. Find all you can about the Egyptian method of perpetuating their records in rocks.
2. Read about Egyptian idolatry to see if the scene of our lesson was like it.
3. Study out the meaning of this calf. Where did the idea come from?
4. There are some evidences here of mechanical knowledge. Find them.
5. Read parts of *Uarda* which illustrate these manners and customs.
6. Read Dr. Robinson's book, *The Pharaohs*, if you can get it. It throws some new interest around these stories.

**THE LESSON CATECHISM.**

1. When Moses went down the mountain what did he carry with him? Two tables of stone. 2. What was peculiar about these two tables? They were the work of God. 3. While God was making tables for the people, what had the people done? They had made a molten image. 4. What did Moses call this act of the people? A great sin. 5. What has been the great sin of the whole world? "Covetousness, which is idolatry." 6. What is the warning which our GOLDEN TEXT utters? "Little children," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Idolatry.

**CATECHISM QUESTION.**

2. Why did God create all things? For his own pleasure: to show forth his glory, and to give happiness to his creatures. Revelation iv. 11. Worthy art thou, our Lord and our God, to receive the glory and the honour and the power: for thou didst create all things, and because of thy will they were, and were created.

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 GOD'S PRESENCE PROMISED.

Exod. 33. 12-23. Memory verses, 12-14

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28. 20.

**OUTLINE.**

1. God's Presence.
2. God's Glory.

TIME AND PLACE.—Same as in the last lesson.

CONNECTING LINKS.—After the destruction of the calf the people, maddened and intoxicated with their debauch, evidently attempted to still resist the authority of Moses. He called for volunteers upon the Lord's side, and received immediate response from the tribe of Levi. With these he attacked the mutineers, slew three thousand of them, and thus subdued the rebellion. Then he repaired to the mount to plead for God's mercy upon his people. Having received a gracious answer, he returns, takes his own tent and pitches it without the camp, and the mysterious cloud descended upon it when once more Moses entered it. Then occurred the prayer and promise of our lesson.

EXPLANATIONS.—*Thou hast not let me know*—God had promised, chap 32, 34, to send an angel with them, and Moses here is pleading

that God will reveal who it is to be. *Show me thy glory*—Moses here asks that he may actually see God's face. *A cleft of the rock*—A recess or rift in the rock. Do not think that these expressions, *hand, back parts*, and *face*, are to be understood literally. They are figurative ways of expressing the glorious manifestation God was to give to Moses.

**QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.**

1. *God's Presence.*  
 After the rebellion of the golden calf was quelled, where did Moses pitch his own tent? ver. 7.  
 What sign of his continued presence did God then give to Moses and the people? vers. 9, 10.  
 What new command and promise did God give to Moses? chap. 32, 34.  
 How does Moses allude to this in our lesson?  
 What seemed to be a great characteristic of Moses in his relations to God? Exod. 3. 11; 4. 1; 33. 12.  
 What gracious promise does God now give him?  
 What four things does Moses pray for in this lesson? vers. 13, 15, 18.
2. *God's Glory.*  
 What did he mean by this last prayer? Had he not already, in chap. 24, 10, had this prayer answered?  
 What more do you suppose he desired?  
 What was God's answer to this prayer of Moses? ver. 20.  
 Is there any promise of Christ that men shall ever see God? Matt. 5. 8.  
 When is it that his children are to see him as he is? 1 John 3. 2.  
 Was the promise that God here made to Moses kept? Exod. 34. 5-8.  
 Why did God give this manifestation of himself to Moses?

**PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.**

Here is a picture of human life: a man sorely tried—almost discouraged—looking out from himself for help.

This life looked to God. It sought God in solitude, in secret, in the closet. ver. 8. See what Christ taught. Matt. 6. 6.

Here is a model for prayer: It pleads God's past promises; it bases its request upon God's past assurance, vers. 12, last clause, and 13, first clause; it simply asks more of the same experience; its only purpose is the good of others.

Here is a revelation of God's character: always at hand to hear; always ready to give counsel, comfort, and strength; always ready to reveal himself.

**HINTS FOR HOME STUDY.**

1. Find the different things Moses said in this lesson.
2. Find the different things God said to Moses as here given.
3. Find the different instances in which God talked with Moses, and see how they differ.
4. Note all the different attributes of God which are here suggested.
5. Find from commentaries or from your pastor what vers. 22 and 23 mean.

**THE LESSON CATECHISM.**

1. What was the command which God had just given to Moses? "Bring up this people." 2. Before obeying, what anxious question did Moses ask? "Whom wilt thou send with me?" 3. What gracious answer did God give him? "My presence shall go with thee." 4. What prayer did Moses then make? "I beseech thee, show me thy glory." 5. What was God's answer? "I will make all my goodness pass before thee." 6. What is God's promise to-day, through Christ, to all his children? "Lo, I am with you," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The glory of God.

**CATECHISM QUESTION.**

3. When did God create man? After the creation of the earth, God made man to be the chief of his creatures upon it. Isaiah xlv. 11, 12. Thus saith the Lord. . . . I have made the earth, and created man upon it.  
 Zechariah xii. 1. The Lord, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

WISDOM resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding; but that which is in the midst of fools is made known.

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