



Go for God!

“The LORD is MERCIFUL & GRACIOUS!”

Exodus Chapter 34

~ LET’S LEARN FIVE GRACE LESSONS:

> GRACE LESSON #1 – GOD DOESN’T QUIT ON YOU! (v1-4)

- God says, “Let’s try this again.” We remember **Exodus 31:18** - *And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.* We observe that God made the first tablets and gave them to Moses, but this time Moses is called to cut a second tablet of stones. Why? The lesson to be learned is sin always makes life more difficult, whether it’s our personal sinful practices, societies or our nation, **Proverbs 14:34** says, *Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.*

- When we make mistakes in life and have a sense of despair, let’s not give up; we must trust in **Philippians 1:6** - *being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;*

> GRACE LESSON #2 – OUR GOD IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL! (v5-10)

- The primary meaning of “LORD” (*YHWH* – pronounced Yahweh, in English Jehovah) is the “*self-existent One*,” (Ex. 3:14 exemplifies the idea of God as He presented Himself to Moses at the burning bush “*I am who I am*” and “*I will be who I will be*,” therefore the eternal “*I AM*”).

- The meaning of “LORD God” is *Jehovah Elohim* presents the compound name for who God is, the *self-existent One* that is a compound unity, such as spoken in **Genesis 1:26** – “*Let Us make man in Our image.*” “Us” and “Our” representing the trinity as does “Elohim,” which is the coexistence of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in the unity of the Godhead (divine nature or essence).

- The doctrine of the trinity means that within the being and activity of the one God there are *three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

- The trinity is mentioned in the **Great Commission (Matthew 28:19** - *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*)

- In the **benediction** of the apostle Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians (**2 Corinthians 13:14** - *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.*).

- **Our GOD is MERCIFUL, GRACIOUS, LONGSUFFERING, ABOUNDING IN GOODNESS & TRUTH, AND WILLING TO FORGIVE** – Let’s read **Ephesians 2:1-10; then Romans Ch. 6.**

- **Observe the results of SIN without REPENTANCE** – Some have developed the idea of “generational curses” from various passages (Exodus 20:5; 34:7; Numbers 14:18; Deuteronomy 5:9); this is not true. It would be unfair for God to punish children for the sins of their fathers. However, God knows that sin is passed down from one generation to the next. When a father has a sinful lifestyle, his children are likely to have the same sinful lifestyle as well. Thus, passing sinful habits from one generation to the next.

- Individually we will reap what we sow, Galatians 6:7-8 - *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.*

- The Bible specifically tells us that God does not hold children accountable for the sins of their parents in **Deuteronomy 24:16** - *"Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin."*

- The cure for sinful practices being passed on from generation to generation is **SALVATION through JESUS CHRIST**. When we become Christians, we are new creations (**2 Corinthians 5:17** - *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*).

- The cure is **FAITH in CHRIST** and a life **CONSECRATED to Him** (**Romans 12:1-2** - *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*).

(v8-9) **Moses WORSHIPPED and PRAYED.**

(v10) **God's forgiveness is followed with great blessings!**

> **GRACE LESSON #3 – FOLLOW GOD'S ORDERS! (v11-17)**

- Don't make a covenant with the world, don't worship their gods, don't compromise with the worldly ways, don't marry the world! (New Testament counsel is found in **2 Corinthians 6:14-18.**)

> **GRACE LESSON #4 – A REMINDER TO REMEMBER! (v18-28)**

(v18-25) **Israel was to remember three feasts per year: (1) Feast of Unleavened Bread; (2) Feast of Weeks; (3) Feast of Passover.**

- **Arnold Fruchtenbaum, a Jewish Believer and Bible scholar, writes regarding these feasts:**
1) Passover (Leviticus 23:5) - **Pointed to the Messiah as our Passover lamb** (1 Corinthians 5:7) whose blood would be shed for our sins. Jesus was crucified on the day of preparation for the Passover, at the same time that the lambs were being slaughtered for the Passover meal that evening.

2) Unleavened Bread (Leviticus 23:6) - **Pointed to the Messiah's sinless life** (as leaven is a picture of sin in the Bible), making Him the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Jesus' body was in the grave during the first days of this feast, like a kernel of wheat planted and waiting to burst forth as the bread of life.

3) Weeks or Pentecost (Leviticus 23:16) – Occurred fifty days after the beginning of the Feast of Unleavened Bread and **pointed to the great harvest of souls and the gift of the Holy Spirit for both Jew and Gentile**, who would be brought into the kingdom of God during the Church Age (see Acts 2). The Church was actually established on this day when God poured out His Holy Spirit and 3,000 Jews responded to Peter's great sermon and his first proclamation of the Gospel.

> **GRACE LESSON #5 – Shine for God! (v29-35)**

- **When you spend time with God your life and face will SHINE for JESUS!**

- **Turn to Acts chapter 6:3-15; 7:54-60.**

- **Let's conclude with Numbers 6:22-27 -**

And the LORD SPOKE to Moses, saying:

*"Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying,
'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel.*

Say to them:

*"The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace."*

*"So they shall put My name on the children of Israel,
and I will bless them."*