

# The Book of Exodus

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## Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses that the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

## Morning Study

This morning we will complete our study of the book of **Exodus**, as we read **chapters 32-40**. This section includes the following:

### ***The account of the golden calf (32:1-33:6)***

Moses had been up on Mount Sinai for weeks and the people of Israel finally concluded that no one could survive the awesome demonstration of God's presence that they had seen on the mountain (read **19:18-24**). And so they made an idol from Egypt, the calf-god, out of Egyptian gold (note **11:2-3**). They chose a familiar, undemanding god to lead them to the Promised Land.

In **Romans 3:20**, Paul tells us that "through the law we become conscious of sin." And this is what happened at the first giving of the Law. For at the base of Mount Sinai, the people of Israel broke the first two of the Ten Commandments (**Exodus 20:3-4**) and thus courted the judgment of God.

### ***The revelation of God's glory (33:7-34:35)***

In **33:12-17**, we find Moses pleading with God to accompany them to the Promised Land, despite the unfaithfulness of Israel. God's relents and agrees to allow his presence to go with them. It is amazing that immediately after such flagrant sin, God then reveals himself in his splendid glory to Moses – the foretaste of that which was to come (read **2 Corinthians 3:1-18**).

### ***The building of the Tabernacle of Moses (35:1-40:38)***

The people of Israel finally built the Tabernacle according the specifications given in **chapters 25-27**. This is God's answer to Moses' prayer in **33:12-17**. The building of the Tabernacle allowed God's holy presence to reside in the midst of Israel without destroying them (note especially **40:34-38**).

So, in the closing chapters of **Exodus**, let's join the people of Israel as they encounter the awesome glory of a holy God.

# Memory Verse

And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming,  
 “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate  
 and gracious God, slow to anger and  
 abounding in love and faithfulness...”

Exodus 34:6

*We recommend that you also memorize verse 7*

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its “address” (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear “reference tag.”
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!