

Praying for the Glory of God

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Exodus 32:8.

B. Moses prayed for the people when they fell into idolatry.

II. He prayed for pardon for the people's sin. He prayed for pardon based on God's reputation among the nations.

III. He prayed for the presence of the Lord. (Exodus 33:13)

A. We ought to feel like Moses—we should not want to go anywhere without God's presence.

B. God's presence distinguishes us.

IV. God answers Moses' prayer by showing him His glory.

A. He revealed His attributes. (Psalm 19:1)

B. Moses longed to see God intimately.

V. Our purpose is to reflect God's glory.

A. This is the purpose of prayer.

B. We should be so intoxicated with God that we cannot get enough of Him.

C. All afflictions are light in comparison to the glory of God that we will receive from Him.

VI. We have advantages concerning the glory of God that Moses did not have. (II Corinthians 3)

A. We have greater opportunity.

B. We all are welcome into the Holy of Holies.

1. We are not satisfied until God shows us His glory.

2. All other needs are small when one knows God.

Application questions:

1. Why is the presence of God so important in the believer's life?

2. Why do believers today have a greater advantage with regard to God's glory than Moses does? Explain.

3. What does it mean to sit in the presence of God?
