

KNOWING GOD: GOD'S DNA

Exodus 33:12-23, 34:1-9

¹² Then Moses said to the Lord, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people!' But You Yourself have not let me know whom You will send with me. Moreover, You have said, 'I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.' ¹³ Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight. Consider too, that this nation is Your people." **Exodus 33:12-13 NASB**

¹³ Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You [progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with You, perceiving and recognizing and understanding more strongly and clearly] and that I may find favor in Your sight. And [Lord, do] consider that this nation is Your people. **Exodus 33:13 AMPC**

- Moses has a three-pronged prayer:
 - Let me know Your ways
 - So that I may know You
 - So that I may find favor in your sight.
- Let me know Your ways...

He made known His ways [of righteousness and justice] to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel. **Psalm 103:7 AMPC**

- Moses is asking to know the ways of God, the nuances, the personal individual ways He thinks and feels. He wants to know how God operates...not just the 'what' of God but also the 'why's' of God's heart.
 - He wants to know God's ways so he can better know who God truly is.
 - This is a great prayer to pray!
 - "Oh, that I may know Your ways, that I might know You, that I might find favor in Your sight."
- Favor in His sight

He made known His ways [of righteousness and justice] to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel. **Psalm 44:1-3 NASB**

- The three faceted favor of God from **Psalm 44:**
 - His right hand.
 - His (outstretched) arm.
 - The light of His presence or countenance.

14 And He said, "My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 Then he said to Him, "If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here. 16 For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?" 17 The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight and I have known you by name." 18 Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!" 19 And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion." 20 But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!" 21 Then the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock; 22 and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen." Exodus 33:14-23 NASB

- ***God responds to the prayer of Moses and He promises His presence and His rest. (v14)***
 - ***The real 'sabbath,' the real rest is living in His presence.***

28 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30 NASB

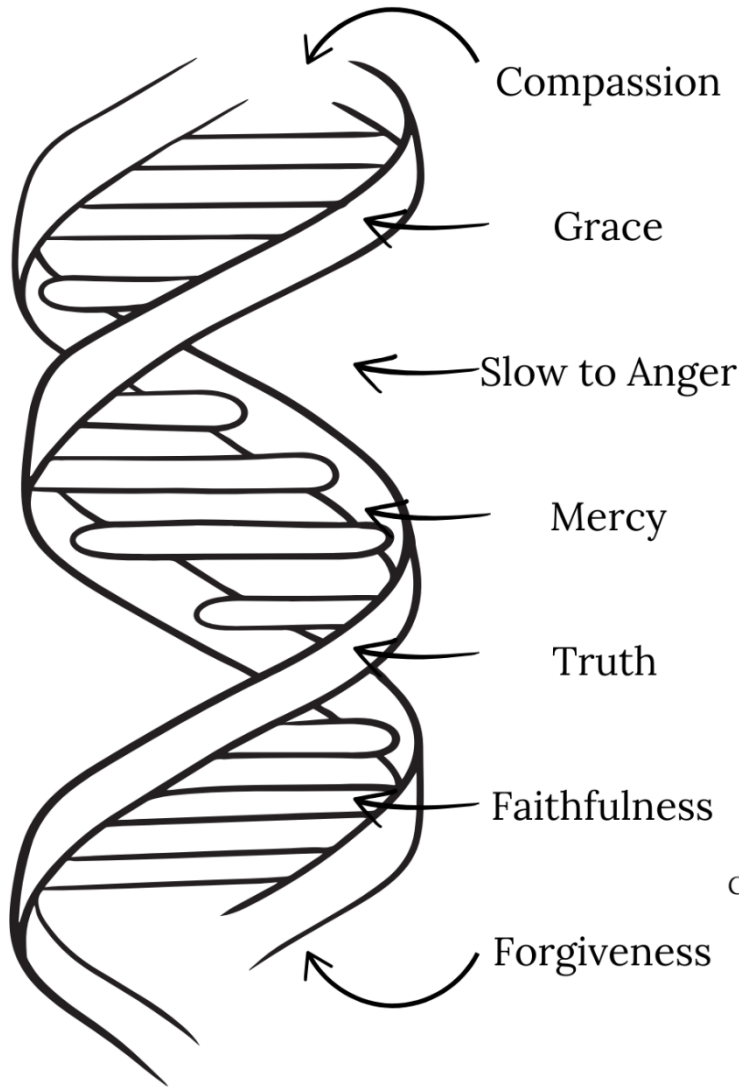
- ***The Sabbath is about a special person, not just a special day.***
- ***Moses responds in v15... "No God – no go!"***
- ***Moses tells God, "Part of the proof of You giving us Your favor in ways that distinguish us as Your people."***
- ***God declares in v17 that He has granted Moses and Israel His favor and that He knows Moses by name... 'face to face!'***
- ***So Moses gets really bold... "Since You have favored me... show me Your glory! (v18)***
- ***God gives Moses a life altering answer. (v19-21)***
- ***Moses asks for the glory of God and God says, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you" ...His goodness and His name (greatness) equals His glory!***
 - ***"But you can't see Me (My face) and live."***

- ***Then God gives Moses an amazing invitation and protection...God says to Moses, "There is a place by Me! And you shall stand there on the rock. (v21-22)***
- ***God says, "I will cover you with My hand as My glory passes by you so you will be safe. You can see me as I go by you, but you can't see My face.***
 - ***Hear this.... when you seek Him, He gives you a glorious place in His presence, right next to Him, on THE ROCK!***

Now the Lord said to Moses, "Cut out for yourself two stone tablets like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets which you shattered. ² So be ready by morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to Me on the top of the mountain. ³ No man is to come up with you, nor let any man be seen anywhere on the mountain; even the flocks and the herds may not graze in front of that mountain." ⁴ So he cut out two stone tablets like the former ones, and Moses rose up early in the morning and went up to Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and he took two stone tablets in his hand. ⁵ The Lord descended in the cloud and stood there with him as he called upon the name of the Lord. ⁶ Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; ⁷ who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations." ⁸ Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship. ⁹ He said, "If now I have found favor in Your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go along in our midst, even though the people are so obstinate, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your own possession." Exodus 34:1-9 NASB

- ***God tells Moses to cut two new stone tablets for the new 'printing' of the ten commandments..***
 - ***Interestingly, God gives Moses, the commander, before He gives him the commandments (v1-4)***
- ***Something awesome happens. (v5-9) The Lord descends in a cloud and stands with Moses as Moses calls on the name of the Lord...***
 - ***The sinless God and a sinful man side by side.***
 - ***Then the Lord passes by in front of him and He proclaims who He is.***
 - ***This is God on God!***
 - ***He proclaims Himself – His self-revelation. His DNA.***

GOD'S DNA



In 2020, 47% of Americans belonged to a church...in 1999, it was 70%.

In 2023, 81% of people claim to believe in God...68% claim to be Christian, 33% protestant, 22% Catholic, 13% other... 47% say they are religious, 33% say they are spiritual but not religious. 30% of adults attend a religious service at least monthly, 21% weekly, 25% seldom, and 31% never.

Is there a way we can know that we are Christians? How do I know if I have real life in the Spirit? How can we tell if we have a genuine relationship with the Spirit of God?

God's Self-Revelation: God's DNA

(Exodus 34:6-7)

Compassion

Gracious

Slow to Anger

Abounding in loving kindness (mercy)

Abounding in Truth

Faithfulness

Forgiveness

God answered Moses' prayer found in Exodus 33:18. "I pray Thee, show me Thy glory!" He answered that prayer by telling Moses who God sees Himself to be. God revealed His glory in this seven-fold explanation of His nature.

The Christian is one who has received God's Spirit, God's nature (2 Peter 1:4, Hebrews 6:4) and you can tell it by their internal reality producing external behavior. True spirituality is the result of His Spirit producing His life, His glory in us.

- **The seven elements of God's DNA:**
 - **He is compassionate...deep seated feeling...only used to describe God.**
 - **He is gracious, showing grace, mercy, and favor.**
 - **"He is slow to anger – He is patient and He is mindful of what we are like"...Longnose**
 - **He is abounding in loving kindness, unfailing love, goodness and acts of kindness.**
 - **He is abounding in truth.**
 - **He is faithful.**
 - **He is forgiving.**
 - **He forgives iniquity...deliberate evil thoughts and deeds.**
 - **He forgives transgressions...defiant, rebellious thoughts and deeds.**
 - **He forgives sin...all types of indiscretion and wrong.**
 - **God's nature, this is what we get when we give our heart to Him...born again, new creation, new nature. (see 2 Corinthians 5:17)**
- **The BBQ Story**