

TUESDAY**Law in Our Hearts**

Revelation 14:1 Lamb standing on Mount Zion, w/ 144,000 who have His Father's name written on their foreheads.

- **NAME** = more than label/ literal characters = God's **CHARACTER** inscribed in mind/ heart = so reflect love/character of God
- When God showed Moses His glory = proclaimed His name
 - proclaimed qualities of His character
- Back story = After God spoke 10 commandments to remind Israelites of His Law of Love = God gave Moses civil/social/ceremonial laws
 - as constitution for new nation of Israel
- People accepted = Moses wrote God's words in
 - **BOOK OF THE COVENANT** = Ratified Old Covenant w/people
 - 10 Commandments = heart of Old Covenant
- Moses = went up Mount Sinai for 40 days
- God wrote 10 Commandments on stone w/His own finger
- Israelites broke covenant w/God = while Moses there for 40 days
 - Made pagan idol = golden calf = to be their God
- Moses unaware = All-knowing God knew = suggested executing justice = penalty of death for their sin = Moses interceded
- In faithfulness to His covenant promises, God told Moses
- People would still go up to Promised Land = but on account of their sin, He would not go in their midst because His holy presence might consume the stiff-necked people when they sinned again
- In His mercy = God suggested He would only send an angel (not *the* Angel Himself) to accompany them (Exodus 33:1–3)
- Implied no need of constructing tabernacle for = Lord's dwelling among the people—tabernacle He had described in detail to Moses
- Descending Mount Sinai, Moses found Israelites = pagan orgy
 - Threw two tablets of law to ground = shattering stones
- Moses pitched his tent far distance outside camp,

- designating it as “the tabernacle of meeting,” (Exodus 33:7).
- Moses continued to intercede for ppl = it came to pass /
 - the Lord appeared = in pillar of cloud to speak w/ Moses
 - “spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend”
- **Face to face** = figurative expression to describe = Lord’s direct method of communication w/ Moses
- Lord spoke to Moses in plain communication
 - w/o visions /dreams = w/o an intermediary
- Lord clearly warned Moses, “You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live” (Exodus 33:20).
- Moses walked in divine awareness of Lord’s presence
 - never saw His face.
- Moses pleaded for God’s favor on undeserving people
 - Repeatedly requesting that Lord’s presence go w/ Israel
 - to identify them as His people in sight of other nations
- Earnest prayers of righteous man are effective = James 5:16
- “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest...I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name” (**Exodus 33:14, 17**).
- Gave Moses holy boldness = “Please, show me Your glory” (v. 18)
- Vowing that no man could see His face and live
- Lord agreed that when Moses next came up / mountain...
 - He would hide Moses in cleft of the rock = cover him w/His hand to protect him from seeing His face as He passed by—
 - Moses would see only His back, not His face (vv. 20–23).
- **Exodus 34:1–4** God had Moses cut two more tablets of stone, and come up Mount Sinai alone

Exodus 34:5-7 ⁵Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and **proclaimed the name of the LORD**. ⁶And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and

gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, ⁷keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

- Glory of Lord / Name of Lord = HIS CHARACTER

[LESSON QUOTE] How interesting, too, that when God describes Himself to Moses, He does it in conjunction with Moses' receiving another copy of the Ten Commandments, which is also the transcript of His character. Likewise, the people who have God's "name" in Revelation 14 are described as those who "keep the commandments of God." *[referring to Rev 14:12 "Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus"]* Then notice the words found in Hebrews: " 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,' then He adds, 'Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more' " (**Hebrews 10:16, 17**).

What an expression of the gospel: though God's law is reflected in our lives, we still need our sins to be remembered "no more." God's name is His character. His moral law is a transcript of His character. And those who are gathered on God's holy hill in the last days are infused with a love for God, a love manifested by obedience to His law.

- **If we are saved by faith and not by the law, what then is the importance of God's law?**
- **1 John 5:3** For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

Psalms 119:55 I remember Your name in the night, O LORD, And I keep Your law.

Psalm 37:30–31 ³⁰The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, And his tongue talks of justice. ³¹The law of his God is in his heart; None of his steps shall slide.

Psalm 40:8 I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart.”

Isaiah 48:18 Oh, that you had heeded My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, And your righteousness like the waves of the sea.