

TITLE AND NUMBER: 155. Teach me Your ways



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Exodus 33:12–14

Moses said to the Lord, 'You have been telling me, "Lead these people," but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, "I know you by name and you have found favour with me." If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people.' The Lord replied, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'

LOOKING FURTHER: Jeremiah 31:33; Psalm 51:10-12; John 20:10-18

What does this Bible passage tell us?

We can learn so much from Moses' interaction with God. He is very honest with God, but speaks with great respect. He reminds God of the promises He has made to Moses and His people. This sets a good example for us. There are a great many promises in the Bible and God loves it when we believe His promises and remind Him of them.

God said to Moses, 'I know you by name.' And He really does – every single one of us. When Jesus met His friend by the garden tomb, He said just one word: 'Mary!' This was enough to fill Mary's heart with incredible joy and peace – and maybe immense wonder all at the same time. He can call you in just the same way. If you are in a bit of a state about something, you can pray and be assured that He knows you personally.

God loves to give good things to His children. So, if He made all those promises, will He not want to keep them? Of course He will! If we say, 'Teach me your ways,' that is a great place to start. There is so much for us to learn about God, about our relationship with Him, and about Christian life. And this learning keeps us strong. The Bible says that the Holy Spirit will write His Word on our heart (Jeremiah 31:33). Verses stick in your mind to be used at crucial times.

Songs help to keep ourselves in a good place - grounded on scripture and worship. Hymn writers know a thing or two about serving God. A hymn writer wrote, 'Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me' (Psalm 51:10). That is another thing we can ask Him to do for us. We all need to play our part too - and try to live the right way. But it needs the inspiration of the Holy Spirit for us to succeed, and then we will find God's presence is with us!

Reflections:

- Use Psalm 51:10-12 as a prayer.
- Sometimes, as we are reading the Bible, certain verses stand out or come alive as we read. You could keep a spiritual journal to write them down and remember them.
- Sometimes, we are so busy asking God for things, we forget to listen to Him. If we want Him to teach us, we have to be willing to listen. Spend some time just sitting quietly after praying and just enjoy His company.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



PROMISES

Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

