

**TITLE AND NUMBER:** 226 Moses as the messenger

**REFERENCE AND KEY VERSES:** Exodus 34:29-35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai. When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.



**LOOKING FURTHER:** Exodus 20:1-17, Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-8, Luke 9:28-36

What does the Bible passage tell us?

Moses is trusted to be the messenger between God and His people. Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the Ten Commandments, God's instructions on how to live well together. These include to worship God alone, not pursue false idols and care for older relatives; to refrain from stealing, murder and wanting what other people have. These laws have formed the basis for many societies across the world. Moses did not know that his face was radiant, that he was reflecting God's glory. No wonder the people were afraid to come near him. However, he encouraged them to come close and he taught them. Out of care for them, he wore a veil so that they were not scared.

In the New Testament, Moses and Elijah were both present at the transfiguration of Jesus. They were speaking with Him. Jesus' face shone like the sun and His clothes became dazzling white. No wonder Peter, James and John were terrified. Then, there was a voice from the cloud: 'This is my Son the beloved, listen to Him.'

Let us take a moment today to be still and think about God's glory. We may not have such a dramatic experience as Moses and the disciples, but we are encouraged to draw near to God, to listen and to learn.

Reflection

- Imagine you were there either when Moses came down the mountain or when Jesus was transfigured. How did you feel?
- Moses was the messenger between God and the people. In what ways can we bring the message of God's love, peace and hope to those around us?
- Moses encouraged people to come close to learn about God. What do you do to draw near to God?

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



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.

