

The Renewal of the Covenant Between God and Man: The Steps to Renewal Exodus 34:01–09

1. Step 1 — Responding to God’s call to come back into His presence

- a. To prepare to receive a second copy of God’s law, His Word:
To chisel two stone tablets

- b. To meet God in the morning on Mt. Sinai: The very special place of God’s presence

- c. To meet God alone:
No person, not even an animal, was to be present to distract

- d. God’s servant responded and obeyed:
Did everything God said

2. Step 2 — Seeking and experiencing God’s presence afresh

- a. God revealed Himself and proclaimed His name
 - 1) He is the LORD, the LORD
 - 2) He is merciful and gracious
 - 3) He is slow to anger
 - 4) He abounds in love and is faithful

- 1 The LORD said to Moses, “Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke.

- 2 Be ready in the morning, and then come up on Mount Sinai. Present yourself to me there on top of the mountain.

- 3 No one is to come with you or be seen anywhere on the mountain; not even the flocks and herds may graze in front of the mountain.”

- 4 So Moses chiselled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the Lord had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands.

- 5 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD.

- 6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness

- 5) He shows love to thousands by forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin
- 6) He executes righteousness and justice:
He punishes the guilty and the children of the guilty
- b. Moses bowed and worshipped and prayed
- 1) For God's guidance
- 2) For God's forgiveness
- 3) For God to accept His people as His very special possession and inheritance

- 7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”
- 8 Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshipped.
- 9 “Lord,” he said,
“if I have found favour in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance.”