

## "Restoration for the Church"

### Exodus 33:1-16

When God's people had sinned at Mt. Sinai by worshipping the golden calf (Chapter 32) and then genuinely repented, God brought restoration. Whenever the Church sins and comes to a place of genuine confession and repentance, God will, once again, restore His people. When He does, certain commitments become reality in the life of the church. Notice...

- I. There was a NEW RESPECT FOR THE LEADERS OF GOD  
(33:8 "...whenever Moses went out to the tent [of meeting]... all the people would arise and stand, each at the entrance of his tent [home] and gaze after Moses...v.9...the Lord would speak with Moses...")
- II. There was a NEW REGARD FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
(33:10 "When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent [of meeting], all the people would arise and worship, each at the entrance of his tent [home].")
- III. There was a NEW REINFORCEMENT FOR THE MAN OF GOD  
(33:17 "...you have found favor in My sight and I have known you by name.")
  - A. He will better know the PURPOSE'S OF GOD (v.13a "...let me know Your ways...")
  - B. He will better know the PERSON OF GOD (v. 13b "...that I may know You")
  - C. He will better know the PRESENCE OF GOD (v. 14a "My presence shall go with you...")
  - D. He will better know the PEACE OF GOD (v. 14b "I will give you rest...")

Genuine revival or restoration includes genuine repentance and faith. This will result in a greater effectiveness for the Pastors and greater praise to God. Dear God, "restore unto us the joy of your salvation" (Psalm 51:12).