

**READING:** Exodus 20: 1 – 17; Exodus 33

**SINGING:** 255: 1,4 – 435: 2,9; 190 – 247: 1,2 – 203: 3,4,5

## **A DIVINE REVELATION CONCERNING A PLACE WITH A GLORIOUS MEANING**

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Text: Exodus 33: 21b

*Behold, there is a place by Me.*

### **How this is a place for guilty ones**

- They were separated by God Himself and the law was made known to them with an audible voice.
- By faith man obtains that blessed union with Him Who is made unto His people righteousness, sanctification and full redemption.
- Yes, God's wrath is already revealed in the exercise of justice and three thousand of Israel fell.
- To be without God is worse than death. On the other hand, to possess God in Christ is life, peace and full salvation.
- Guilt is covered but not reconciled, and the going along of the Lord is not yet restored communion with Him.

### **How this is a place of reconciliation**

- He is a Rock whose work is complete.  
There is a place in Christ, with God for a guilty people.

- All that is outside of Him becomes so worthless for the soul. Such preciousness and loveliness goes out from Him.
- Therefore the firmness of their salvation does not lie first of all in their experience, but in Christ.
- In Christ the Lord sees no sin in His Jacob and no transgression in Israel.

### **How this is a place to restoration**

- "I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy."
- David says of this: "O how love I Thy law! It is my meditation all the day."
- Therefore, what a wonderful place, of which the Lord testifies, "Behold, there is a place by Me."

### **Application**

- That you would bend your knees in truth before God. You can lose nothing by doing so.
- We not only are going lost, but by our sins and covenant breach in Adam, we already are lost.
- The Lord testifies: "He that abideth in Me, the same bringeth forth much fruit, for without Me ye can do nothing."