

Sunday, August 2, 2020

Soli Deo Gloria - To the Glory of God Alone!

Text: Exodus 33 & John 17:1 - 5

**The “Five Solas;” they are: Sola Scriptura; Solus
Christus; Sola Gratia; Sola Fide; Soli Deo Gloria**

INTRODUCTION

Our devotional meditation today is on
“Soli Deo Gloria, To the Glory of God Alone!”

“We live for the glory of God alone.”

2 Corinthians 5:1 – 10, verse 9 *“So whether we are at home
or away, we make it our aim to please him.”*

John 17:1 - 5

Brief background to Exodus 33.

1. Great Sin and Reproof:

1.1) Israel construct an idol (giving glory to a work of
their own hands, Exodus 32:1 – 7).

1 John 5:21, *“Little children, keep yourselves from idols.”*

1.2) God calls the Israelites *“stiffnecked,”* Exodus 32:9;
33:3, 5

Compare 2 Samuel 15: 22 & 23, *“And Samuel said, Hath the
LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in
obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sac-
rifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. (23) For rebellion is
as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness as iniquity and idola-
try. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he has also
rejected thee from being king.”* (KJV)

1.3) *“disastrous word,”* Exodus 33:4

Exodus 33:6, *“Therefore the people of Israel stripped themselves
of their ornament, from Mount Horeb onward.”*

2. Greatest Request Ever Made by Man???

2.1) The Bible records many great prayers:

Abraham, Genesis 19

Eliezer, Genesis 24

Gideon, Judges 6

Hannah, 1 Samuel 1

2.2) Consider the request of Moses in Exodus 33:18,

“Moses said, *“Please show me your glory.”*”

Is there any higher, more noble, more selfless, more life
changing request that one could ever ask of Almighty
God?

2.3) Never be satisfied with only the request of Moses in
Exodus 33:13, *“Now therefore, if I have found favor in your
sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in
order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation
is your people.”*

O, that I would seek more than to know His ways, even
for service in His kingdom for His saints and for precious
souls that know Him not! What can compare to, or cause
one to walk differently, than to behold His glory?

3. Greatest Mercy:

3.1) Consider Exodus 33:19 & 20, *“And he said, “I will
make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim
before you my name ‘The LORD’. And I will be gracious
to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom
I will show mercy. (20) But, “he said, you cannot see my
face, for man shall not see me and live.”*

What about verse 11?

3.2) Consider some of the ATTRIBUTES of God, He
is: Spirit, omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient,
eternal, holy, righteous, sovereign, incomprehen-
sible, jealous...

But how does He reveal Himself to Moses?

In His MERCY He says, *“I will make all my goodness
pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The
LORD.’ And I be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will
show mercy on whom I will show mercy.”*

3.3) Consider the vision some saw:

Isaiah 6:1 – 3, *“In the year that King Uzziah died I saw
the Lord sitting upon a throne, High and lifted up; and the
train of his robe filled the temple. (2) Above him stood the
seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face,
and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. (3)
And one called to another and said:*

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

The whole earth is full of his glory!”

Revelation 1:10 – 18; 4:1 – 11; 5:1 - 14

4. Greatest Protection:

4.1) Stand on the rock!

Exodus 33:21 – 23

Compare with 1 Corinthians 10:4; Romans 9:33;

1 Peter 2:8

4.2) For those who have put their faith in the Lord Jesus
Christ – *“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the
things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of
God. (2) Set your minds on things that are above, not on things
that are on earth. (3) For you have died, and your life is hidden
with Christ in God.”*

Colossians 3:1 - 3

Conclusion:

Communion

Hymn – He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock

Hymn - To God Be the Glory