

During the struggle to bring the Israelites to the promised land, Moses asked God to allow Him to see His glory (Exodus 33:18-23). God took great care with Moses, and by covering him with His hand, only allowed him to see a glimpse of His back as He moved past.

In participating in the communion, we remind ourselves of the great love and sacrifice of God. We see much more here than Moses did, but perhaps it is still only a glimpse. We only see the part of God that benefits **us**. I think that there is so much more, but we are just not capable of comprehending it. As we take part in this fellowship, let us consider that the expression of God's love that we are celebrating is only a fraction of His Awesome Nature.

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God: “all of my Goodness” will pass by Moses; Ex 33:19; but how much did Moses get to see? How much could he comprehend? Did he just see awesome power, or did he get to see some of what God actually did? Moses was at the Transfiguration – perhaps he had received a glimpse of this

Connection to “Sing a song **Moses** and the **Lamb**?”

Exodus 3:6

Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. [Moses hid his face; later God hid his]

Exodus 10:28

Pharaoh said to Moses, “Get out of my sight! Make sure you do not appear before me again! The day you see my face you will die.”

Exodus 33:11

The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.

Exodus 33:18-23

18 Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”

19 And the Lord said, “I will cause **all my goodness** to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 20 But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”

21 Then the Lord said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. 22 When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.”