

Sunday September 30 through Sunday October 7

- Pastor Robert's sermon series concentrates on Faith in a Man.
- Youth will be meeting this evening at 5:00 pm.
- The Fall Yard Sale begins Monday morning and will end on Friday evening.
- Small Group study begins at 6:30 pm on Monday evening at the Parsonage.
- The Committee on Nominations will be meeting on Tuesday at 6:30 pm to get things in place for charge conference.
- The Boy Scouts will be meeting Monday at 7 pm.
- Tuesday evening at 7 pm the Girl Scouts will be meeting.
- Prayer Team will be meeting at 6 pm on Wednesday with Choir following at 7 pm.



Sunday September 30

10:00 am—10:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am—12:00 pm Morning Worship
5:00 pm—UMYF

Monday October 1

FALL YARD SALE BEGINS
6:30 pm—The Joys of Intercession at the Parsonage
7:00 pm—Boy Scouts

Tuesday October 2

FALL YARD SALE
6:30 pm—Nominations Committee
7:00 pm— Girl Scouts

Wednesday October 3

FALL YARD SALE
6:00 pm—Prayer Team
7:00 pm—Choir Practice

Thursday October 4

FALL YARD SALE

Friday October 5

FALL YARD SALE
No Scheduled Activities

Saturday October 6

No Scheduled Activities

Sunday October 7

10:00 am—10:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am—12:00 pm Morning Worship
5:00 pm—UMYF

Faith in Man

A central theme in the Old Testament is image: "God said, "Let us create humankind in our image." We are created to reflect God. What image does God reflect? What must it be like looking into a mirror and seeing God in yourself? What characteristics or qualities reflect God in our lives?

These last few weeks we have been looking at reflections of our faith. We have explored judgement, fear, the Law, and today, the reflection of man. The Israelites put their faith in Moses, man. The image we reflect will tell us where we place our faith.

- Judgment is a mirror. Judgmental people reflect judgment. Since they judge themselves, they judge their neighbor.
- Fear is a mirror. Fearful people reflect fear. Since they abide in fear they run from their neighbor or pick a fight. Let's not forget that fear also freezes us, loneliness.
- The Law of Moses is a Mirror. Legalistic people possess knowledge of right and wrong. The legalist must be right in the presence of the person who committed a wrong.
- Moses is a mirror. Moses listened to God's voice, kept God's commands, and when he broke a command he repented. He turned and went into God's Presence to listen to God's voice.

What image does God reflect? I am the Lord...who Delivers. (Exodus 20:1)

I am the Lord who delivers you from _____. Forgiveness delivers us from judgment.

I am the Lord who delivers you from _____. Peace delivers us from fear.

I am the Lord who delivers you from the _____. Grace delivers us from the Law.

I am the Lord who delivers you from _____. Love delivered Moses from sin -- breaking God's Covenant -- into God's LOVE experienced as forgiveness, peace, and grace.

ANSWERS: Judgment, fear, Law, sin

Through today's reading we hear God ask the Israelites to do two things. First, God asked that they listen to His voice. Second, to keep His covenant. (The Covenant is the written Word. The Bible.) After hearing God speak the people were filled with fear. They said, "Moses, you speak to us and we will listen but do not let God speak to us or we will die." They kept the Covenant but refused to Listen to God's voice.

Do you know God as Deliverer? Do you know the sound of God's voice? Do you practice the Way of being led by God, the Holy Spirit, from fear of God to peace with God? Do you practice this Way with your neighbor, especially your enemies? On Monday evenings at 6:30 pm you are invited to join a small group in the parsonage. We are studying and practicing **The Joy of Intercession**. Moses practiced the Joy of Intercession. He kept God's Covenant, broke it, repented, and entered God's presence. Judgment, the Law, and fear are voices inside us. Moses entered God's presence and listened. God delivered Moses every time he turned and listened. Then Moses was equipped to lead God's people to the Promised Land.

I do not find evidence that Jesus gave an invitation for people to come to an altar. Jesus invited people to come to Him. The altar was once a place where daily bread was prepared. God had interceded in their lives. The daily bread celebrated the Joy of God's Intercession. Soon after the giving of the Law the altar became a place of sacrifice and memory of sin. Come, let us break bread together and celebrate Joy.

One in Christ,
Robert