

Now I See!
(How Moses' View of God Changed)
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As he went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and hover at its entrance while the Lord spoke with Moses... Inside the Tent of Meeting, the Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

Exodus 33:9, 11 (NLT)

Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt—

Deuteronomy 34:10-11 (NLT)

You said, 'Listen and I will speak! I have some questions for you, and you must answer them.' I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance."

Job 42:4-6 (NLT)

What did Moses learn about God?

1. He is faithful.

Then the Lord told him, "I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land.

Exodus 33:7-8 (NLT)

Then the Lord said to him, "Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.

Genesis 15:13-14

The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)

2. He is Lord.

On the way to Egypt, at a place where Moses and his family had stopped for the night, the Lord confronted him and was about to kill him.

Exodus 4:24 (NLT)

But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them."

Numbers 20:12 (NLT)

Moses learned that Lord meant...

⇒ God's Mission

⇒ God's Timing

⇒ God's Way

3. He's my friend.

Inside the Tent of Meeting, the Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

Exodus 33:11 (NLT)

Now we can come fearlessly right into God's presence, assured of his glad welcome when we come with Christ and trust in him.

Ephesians 3:12 (NLT)