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**"And Moses rose up early in the morning and went up unto Mount Sinai. . . . And the Lord. . . stood with him there and proclaimed the name of the Lord. . . and Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth and worshipped." (Exod. xxxiv. 4, 5, 8.)**

The previous occasion on which Moses went to meet the Lord in the morning was the time of the promulgation of the Law when God was to reveal Himself as the Holy One. The meeting with which we are now concerned was after the transgression of the Law when God was to reveal Himself as the Merciful One (see verses 6 and 7). These two elements should always be united in the morning worship of the Child of God. In our communion with God one morning may be more concerned with surrender in obedience to His will, but the background of all will be the Redeeming Grace which accepts us and makes us fit for His service. Another morning we may be more drawn to worship God as the Merciful and Gracious One, but behind this will be the knowledge of the condition that we are restored to His favour in order to do what is His good pleasure.

Christian, if thou wouldst serve God aright, learn to know Him aright. Arise out of the low lying plains of your own thoughts about Him. Climb the mountain where God will stand beside you and proclaim the Name of the Lord. Rise up early in the morning and come with your confession of laws transgressed, and bring the fleshy tables of your heart, and God will write thereon His Name and His Law, and when you bow your head and worship, as Moses did that early morning upon the mountain, you will receive, like him, power to plead as an intercessor for God's people and receive God's answer, "Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels".