

Genesis 32:24-30 (NKJV) 24Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. 25Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. 26And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" 27So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." 28And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." 29Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "**Why is it that you ask about My name?**" And He blessed him there. 30And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

### **Luther's Works on Gen 32.**

Exodus 33:12-23 Then Moses said to the Lord, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, '**I know you by name**, and you have also found grace in My sight.' 13"Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people."

14And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

15Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. 16"For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth."

17So the Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and **I know you by name.**"

18And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."

**19Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."** 20But He said, "**You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.**" 21And the Lord said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. 22"So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. 23"Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

"I have recognized thee as Mine, and chosen and called thee to execute My will (Isa 43:1, Is 49:1) or put thee into "a specifically personal relation to God, which was peculiar to Moses, and therefore was associated with his name" (Oehler) p. 235.

Ex 33:11 face to face (Moses only saw the similitude of God (Num 12:8)

Exodus 33:11 So the Lord spoke to Moses **face to face**, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.

Numbers 12:8 I speak with him **face to face**, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he sees **the form** of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?"

Deuteronomy 4:12 "And the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, **but saw no form; you only heard a voice.**

John 1:18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

Exodus 34:4-7 So he cut two tablets of stone like the first ones. Then Moses rose early in the morning and went up Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him; and he took in his hand the two tablets of stone. 5Now the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, **and proclaimed the name of the Lord.** 6**And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, 7“keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.”**

“For this reason Moses had to content himself with the passing by of the glory of God before his face, and with the revelation of the name of Jehovah through the medium of the word, in which God discloses His inmost being, and, so to speak, His whole heart to faith. (p.238)