

# Exodus 33:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

## Analysis

**And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken**—Complete victory for intercession! God grants Moses' request, explicitly citing two reasons: 'thou hast found grace in my sight' and 'I know thee by name.' Grace (חֵן, chen) is unmerited favor, while being known by name indicates intimate, personal relationship. Moses' bold intercession succeeded not through manipulation but through relationship. This demonstrates prayer's power when aligned with God's glory and grounded in grace. The phrase 'this thing also' shows God delighting to exceed requests for those who seek His face.

## Historical Context

This affirmation comes after Moses' sustained intercession through chapters 32-33. God's willingness to change His stated intention (33:3) demonstrates that intercessory prayer genuinely affects divine action within His sovereign plan.

## Related Passages

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does understanding that prayer works through relationship, not technique, change your approach to intercession?
2. What does God's response teach about His desire to be moved by the prayers of those He knows intimately?

## Interlinear Text

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יְיָ אָמַר	יְהוָה	אֶל	מֵשֶׁה	אֶת	גַּם	רַבָּה	אֵת	אָמַר
<b>said</b>	<b>And the LORD</b>	H413	<b>unto Moses</b>	H1571	H853	<b>this thing</b>	H2088	
H559	H3068		H4872			H1697		
אֲשֶׁר	דָּבַרְתָּ	אֲשֶׁר	כִּי	מֵצָא	אֶת	רָחֵל		
H834	also that thou hast spoken	H1696	I will do	H3588	for thou hast found	grace	H2580	
			H6213		H4672			
בְּעֵינִי	וְיֶדְעָנָךְ	בְּשָׁמָךְ						
<b>in my sight</b>	<b>and I know</b>	<b>thee by name</b>						
H5869	H3045	H8034						

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 65:24** (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

**Exodus 33:12** (Grace): And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

**Genesis 6:8** (Grace): But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

**Genesis 19:21** (Parallel theme): And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

**John 16:23** (Parallel theme): And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

**James 5:16** (Parallel theme): Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

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