

# Exodus 34:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.

## Analysis

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Serving (עָבַד, avad) the LORD brings multiple covenant blessings: food, water, health. God promises to 'take sickness away' (הָסִירוּתִי מִחֲלָה, hasiroti machalah), overturning the curse promised for disobedience (Deut 28:22, 27-28, 35, 60-61). The link between covenant faithfulness and physical blessing operates in a theocratic context—God's immediate governance of Israel—though spiritual principles extend to New Covenant believers.

## Historical Context

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In the theocratic arrangement, national obedience brought corporate blessing (health, prosperity, security). Individual exceptions existed (Job), and the New Testament clarifies that suffering can accompany faithfulness (2 Cor 12:7-10, James 1:2-4).

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does faithful service to God bring blessing, even when physical prosperity is not guaranteed?
2. In what ways does obedience to God promote overall health and flourishing?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיֵּרָא	אָהֵרֹן	וְכָל	בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	אֶת	מֹשֶׁה
saw	And when Aaron	H3605	and all the children	H853	Moses
H7200	H175		H1121		H4872
וְהָיָה	קָרַב	עֹר	פָּנָיו	וַיִּירָאוּ	מִן־שֶׁת
H2009	shone	behold the skin	of his face	and they were afraid	to come nigh
	H7160	H5785	H6440	H3372	H5066
אֵלָיו:					
H413					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Mark 9:3** (Parallel theme): And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.