

Exodus 34:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone.

Analysis

Moses' obedience is immediate and complete—he hews the tablets himself, demonstrating that restoration requires both divine grace and human response. The phrase 'as the LORD had commanded' appears throughout Exodus, marking faithful covenant partnership. Moses rises early, showing eagerness for restored fellowship with God. The two tablets parallel the two parties of covenant: God and His people.

Historical Context

Stone tablets were standard treaty documents in the ancient Near East. Having two copies (one for each party) was typical covenant practice.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does Moses' immediate obedience model proper response to God's commands?
2. What spiritual preparations do you make before approaching God in prayer or worship?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּפֹּס ל	שְׁנֵי י	לַחַת	אֲבָנִים:	כְּרֹאשֹׁן ים	וַשֶּׁכֶּם	
And he hewed	the two	tables	of stone	like unto the first	rose up early	
H6458	H8147	H3871	H68	H7223	H7925	
מֹשֶׁה	בַּבֹּקֶר	וַיַּעַל	אֶל	הָרֹר	סִינַי	כָּאֵשׁ ר
and Moses	in the morning	and went up	H413	unto mount	Sinai	H834
H4872	H1242	H5927		H2022	H5514	
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