

Exodus 34:4

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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

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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?

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