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Holy
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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Exodus 33:7-23

Philip Yancey believes that most Christians today avoid the Old Testament because they find the God depicted there scary and remote. He "behaves like a holy God trying desperately to communicate to cantankerous human beings."

In his reading of the Old Testament, Yancey says he used to look for ways to make God more acceptable, less fierce. "Now I concentrate on making myself more acceptable to God, which was the point of the Old Testament, after all. God sought intimacy with his people."

"Show me your glory," Moses prayed. The Lord answered graciously, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest" (Exod. 33:14). Then, placing Moses in the cleft of the rock, he covered him with his hand while he passed by.

When God shows himself to us, what will we see? What will we do? Are we willing for him to respond on his terms and show us what he wants us to see?