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Ex.34,9: Moses said: "Lord, if I have found favour in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us."

Lk.1,76-77: Zechariah said, "And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of sins."

The presence of God, His being with us, is consequent upon the faith alone which knows that its foundation is the grace and compassion of God, and not any quality in or of the believer. Time and time again we see in the Old Testament the need to disabuse the people of God of the cherished but erroneous notion that it's down to them and the religious set-up in which they function. Moses understands that it is down to the grace of God whereby He deals with the people's sins in a way that turns their hearts to Him. The favour he is asking for is answered in Jesus Christ.