



Meeting God At The Mountain

Exodus 19:1-25

#13 in a series on Exodus

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Getting Our Bearings.

1. An overview of the events. (1-25)

2. What's going on here?
 - a. God's premise. (3-6, 9-13, 20-24; cf. Deuteronomy 4:31-33; 32:9-11; Psalm 115:3; 135:6)

 - b. God's promises. (5-6; cf. Deuteronomy 7:6)

 - c. God's conditions. (5)

Gleaning Truth For Ourselves.

1. God chooses, saves by His sovereign grace. (cf. Deuteronomy 7:6-8; 10:14-15; John 15:16, 19; Romans 3:20; Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 1:14)

2. God is faithful to His promises. (cf. Exodus 3:12; Deuteronomy 4:31; 7:6-8; 1 Corinthians 1:4-9; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 2:13; Hebrews 10:23)

3. God commands and blesses faithful obedience. (cf. 5-6, 10-11; 1 Corinthians 3:12-15; 4:1-5)

4. God, who draws us close, must be respected and revered. (12-13, 21, 23-24; cf. Deuteronomy 4:24; Ecclesiastes 5:1-7; Isaiah 57:15; Matthew 1:23; Ephesians 2:13; 1 Timothy 6:15-16; Hebrews 10:19-22; 12:28-29)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Read Exodus 19:1-25 to refresh the overall picture and some of the specifics in your mind. Israel came to the mountain to worship God. God came to them there to bring about His covenant with them. Underpinning this is God's sovereignty—"He does whatever He pleases" (Psalm 115:3).

If you are a believer, God chose you in His sovereign grace just as He chose the nation of Israel. While there are things we don't and can't understand about how this all fits together, it is the clear teaching of the Bible. Thank God for His grace in rescuing you from the domain of darkness and transferring you to Christ's kingdom (Colossians 1:13).

Tuesday. God made promises to Israel in this chapter: they would be His own possession, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (5-6). They were to have a unique position with God and role in the world. The promises were grounded in God's faithfulness and enjoyed by Israelites who were people of faith and faithful to God.

Today Christians also have a unique position with God and role in the world (see 1 Peter 2:9). Thank God for this blessing and His faithfulness.

Wednesday. God promises to Israel in 19:5-6 were conditional on their faithful, loving obedience. They did not earn God's acceptance or salvation (review Monday's notes and the references on the first truth for ourselves on the outline). Rather, this obedience opened the door to God's blessings and their enjoyment of living in that covenant relationship.

God commands and expects you and me to be faithful—to listen to and obey His truth in the Bible and follow His leading. He blesses faithfulness both now in our relationship with Him and with rewards in heaven. Keep committed to and growing in faithful, loving obedience to God.

Thursday. The scene in Exodus 19 included a call to cleansing from sin, barriers to the mountain, clouds, smoke, lighting, thunder, violent shaking, frightening loud blasts and then God speaking. It was terrifying! Remember, all of this flowed from and demonstrated the truth that God, who draws us close, must be respected and revered. While our situation is different (for perspective, see Hebrews 12:1-29, especially verses 18-24), we need to take care to not lose sight of the reality of Jesus Christ who is Immanuel (God with us) is also God who is "a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:29). Guard your heart from a casual attitude toward God.

Friday/Saturday. On Sunday we plan to take the first look at the ten commandments. Read and reflect on Exodus 20:1-26 in preparation for our time together.