

# God Appeared On Mount Sinai

Exodus 19

Faith Portal Church

**ADULT**

Unit 11 Lesson 9

## Supplemental Texts

Exo 18

### Focus Verse

“And the Lord said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever.” – Exodus 19:9

### Introduction

Moses was a humble leader of God’s people. There are some traits to be learned from him. He was used mightily by God, yet he was never proud of that fact. Unlike many, he humbly took and applied the advice of his father-in-law Jethro (Exo 18:24-26). Jethro, on the other hand, was modest, not pushing his suggestion on Moses. In addition, appreciating the anointing of God in Moses, Jethro believed Moses would inquire of God concerning the suggestion (Exo 18:23).

## Deeper Look

### In The Third Month – Exo 19:1-13

In the third month after leaving Egypt, the Israelites came into the Wilderness of Sinai where they camped near the mountain. They remained in the Wilderness until Numbers 10. Sinai was the place God appeared to Moses in Exo 3, and being there was the fulfilment of what God had told him (Exo 3:12). God told Moses on the mountain of His intention for Israel should the nation obey God (vv. 6-7). His intention is avowed to us today (1 Pet 2:9). As God’s children, we must be fully devoted to Him. As Moses delivered God’s message to Israel’s elders, they indicated that they would obey everything God had commanded. Moses was instructed to consecrate the Israelites to meet the Lord, yet without crossing the boundaries God had told Moses to establish.

### Be Ready Against The Third Day – Exo 19:14-25

When Moses came down, he consecrated the people against the third day to meet the Lord. The thundering, lightnings, thick cloud, and a loud trumpet blast spoke of God’s presence in a fearful way. As Moses led the people from the camp to meet God at the base of Mount Sinai, the mountain was covered with smoke, and it shook because God had descended on it. God called Moses to the top of the mountain and gave him a warning to Israel not to cross the boundaries he had established. It was not the time to be curious or presumptuous as death could ensue if they disobeyed. By this, God wanted Israel to have the fear of God (vv. 22-24). Just because God had called up Moses and Aaron to the mountain did not mean He opened the invite to all the people.

## Questions

1. What did God require of the Israelites to make them a special treasure? Why did God decide to make Israel a treasure above all people? Explain.
2. What was noteworthy about the response of the elders of Israel regarding the covenant God desired to make with them? What factors could they have considered in arriving at their response?
3. Why did God want the Israelites to hear Him when He spoke with Moses? How does God carry out similar things today among His people to achieve the same purpose? Explain.
4. The coming down of the Lord on Mount Sinai to meet the Israelites came with some requirements. What were they? Why were these requirements important? Do these kinds of requirements apply to Christians today? Explain.
5. What kind of fear did the Israelites experience in the morning of the third day? Have you experienced this kind of fear before? In what way? How did it affect your relationship with God? Explain.
6. Israel heard God speak with Moses in an audible voice from Mount Sinai. What message would be unequivocal to the Israelites as a result?
7. Why did God not extend the invitation to come on Mount Sinai to the priests and the people? What does this tell us about God?

## Personal Meditation

It is an awesome thing to come into the presence of the living God. Because God is holy, we must approach Him in awe and holiness. This was the reason God enjoined Moses to sanctify the Israelites before God would meet them (Exo 19:10-11). The word sanctify means consecrate or purify. So, Moses was to prepare the whole Israel to meet God at Mount Sinai. God also required that they wash their clothes to be outwardly clean. These requirements had to be fulfilled before God revealed Himself on the third day. This simply means that God places emphasis on being holy as He is holy (1 Pet 2:15-16). God forsook Jesus as He carried the sins of the world because He cannot behold sin (Matt 27:46). Thank God Jesus did what we can never do for ourselves. His shed blood cleanses us (1 John 1:7,9), and we can approach the throne of grace by faith.

How do we approach God? We can come to God with our sins if we desire to be forgiven of them. But if we come to Him as though we have no sin, then we cannot please Him (Psa 66:18). It is important to know that we are called to this higher standard of spiritual living in Christ.

## DAILY STUDY

Monday	Exo 19:1-4
Tuesday	Exo 19:5-8
Wednesday	Exo 19:9-13
Thursday	Exo 19:14-17
Friday	Exo 19:18-21
Saturday	Exo 19:22-25



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