

God Appeared On Mount Sinai

Exodus 19

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Unit 11 Lesson 9

Supplemental Texts

Exo 18

Focus Verse

“And be ready against the third day: for the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.” – Exodus 19:11

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 His special treasure? Was the requirement doable and reasonable? Explain.
2. Were the leaders of Israel excited about the covenant God wanted to make with Israel? What factors could render entering into a covenant with God irresistible for the Israelites?
3. What impact would the speaking of God with Moses in the presence of the Israelites have on the people? What was the reason behind this?
4. What were the requirements the Israelites had to meet when God would come down on Mount Sinai to meet them? What virtue should be demonstrated in light of these requirements?
5. What kind of fear did the Israelites experience in the morning of the third day? If you were one of these Israelites, how would this fear affect your relationship with God? Explain.
6. Israel heard God speak with Moses in an audible voice from Mount Sinai. What did this mean to the Israelites regarding Moses?
7. Moses was the chosen leader of God's people. Why did God order Moses to bring Aaron with him to meet the Lord on Mount Sinai?

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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