

Exodus 19:9-25
Why We All Need a Miraculous Attitude Transformation
November 21, 2010
Sermon Outline

Notes

I. Meeting with God!

- A. A Covenant (Exodus 19:1-8)
- B. I am Coming ... Consecrate the People
 - 1. Wash cloths
 - 2. "...do not go near a woman." (v. 15)
- C. Setting Limits around the Mountain
- D. God's Terrifying Presence on the Mountain

Exodus 19:18-20

¹⁸ Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the Lord had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. ¹⁹ And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, *and God answered him in thunder.* [NIV - and the **voice** of God answered him.] ²⁰ The Lord came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

- E. An Extra Warning (21-25)
- F. The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)
- G. God's Reason for Terrifying Israel
 - 1. God is not to be taken lightly!
 - 2. God should be obeyed!

Exodus 19:9

And the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever."

Exodus 20:18-21

¹⁸ Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off ¹⁹ and said to Moses,

“You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.”²⁰ Moses said to the people, “**Do not fear**, for God has come to test you, *that the fear of him may be before you*, that you may not sin.”²¹ The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Key Idea

Israel had the most compelling, tangible proof of who the LORD was/is and they were made absolutely clear on what he expected of them. But the corruption of sin still made it impossible for them to trust and obey him. Nothing short of miraculous heart intervention would suffice to save them/us!

II. From Shadow to Reality

A. Be More Afraid to Ignore Jesus!

Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest¹⁹ and *the sound of a trumpet* and **a voice** whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.”²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”²² **But you** have come to **Mount Zion** and to the *city of the living God*, the *heavenly Jerusalem*, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and **to God**, the judge of all, and to the *spirits of the righteous made perfect*,²⁴ and **to Jesus**, the mediator of a *new covenant*, and to the *sprinkled blood* that speaks *a better word than the blood of Abel*. (Gen. 4:10)²⁵ **See that you do not refuse him who is speaking.** For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we

reject him who warns from heaven. ... ²⁸ **Therefore let us be grateful** for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus *let us offer to God acceptable worship*, with reverence and awe, ²⁹ **for our God is a consuming fire.**

B. Perfect Love Drives Out Fear!

1 John 4:7-19

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and *whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.* ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ **In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.** ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that **he loved us** and **sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.** ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and **his love is perfected in us.**

¹³ *By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.* ¹⁴ **And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.** ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ *So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us.* God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

¹⁷ **By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment,** because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but **perfect love casts out fear.** For *fear has to do with punishment,* and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.