

MOUNTAIN OF FIRE

Exodus 19-20:21

GOD REVEALS THE GLORY OF HEAVEN BY:

- How He REDEEMS and CARES for His people.
(v. 19:1-9a)
- How He demonstrates His HOLINESS and POWER.
(v. 19:9b-20)
- How He PREPARES and SANCTIFIES His people.
(v. 19:21-20:21)



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Have you ever experienced something that was far better than your expectations? Share an example. How do you think Heaven and the glory of God will exceed your expectations?
2. Read Exodus 19:3-4, what is God reminding the Israelites of? What is the significance of this redemption story? How do His redemption stories reveal the glory of Heaven?
3. Read Exodus 19:5-6, what is the significance of this covenant? What makes it unique when compared to the prior covenants of God? Read 1 Peter 2:9-10, how does the New Covenant compare with the Mosaic covenant? (Eph. 2:11-13, 2:19, 3:6; Rom. 11:17-24.)
4. Read Exodus 19:10-25, what does this say about God's holiness and how He asked the Israelites to consecrate themselves? What was God preparing the Israelites for? Also read Ex. 33:17-23, how does this help us understand God's holiness and power?
5. Verse 18 says the Lord descended on the mountain in fire. What other passages about fire come to mind? Exodus 3:1-6. Fire is powerful and ominous, discuss how the fire on Mount Sinai compares to all the fire in all the suns of the universe. How does this give perspective on the glory of God in Heaven?
6. The Festival of Weeks (Shavuot) celebrates the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. Read Acts 2:1-4, how does the early church Pentecost compare with the Mountain of Fire in Exodus 19? What are the similarities, what are the differences? How does this relate to Passover and Jesus as the sacrificial lamb?
7. Read Exodus 20:1-21. Jeff quoted S. Lewis Johnson: "It is extremely important to remember that the Law of Moses was given to a redeemed people, not to redeem a people." How does this help you understand how God is sanctifying us today? (Matt. 22:36-40, Rom. 3:20 and Gal. 2:16.)

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