

...the main points again

Danger of death

The reality of relationship with a holy God

'...if there's anyone who can appear before Aslan without their knees knocking, they're either braver than most or else just silly.'

'Then he isn't safe?' said Lucy.

'Safe?' said Mr. Beaver; *'don't you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you.'*

- C.S. Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

The end of the journey and the fulfilment of a promise:

*When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God **on this mountain.***

- Exodus 3.12

*I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you **to myself.***

- Exodus 19.4

God's proposal to the people (v.3-6)

What God has done

...What God requires

...What God promises

Knowing the substance of what you commit yourself to...

Cf. Luke 14.28-30

Getting ready for God- Consecration's what you need...

Wash your clothes, build your fence, abstain from anything that might distract you

Are you prepared to meet with God?

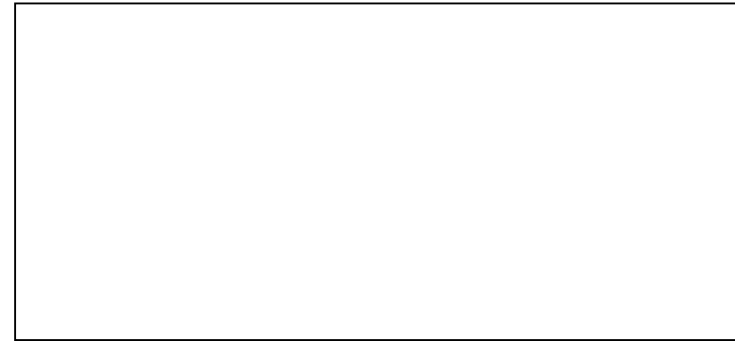
The sound and light spectacular of God's appearance

...and in the middle a chat

Do not break into God- or he will break out...

The need for a go-between to the holy God

When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance 19 and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die."



God limits himself to make relationship with him possible

By fencing himself off

By becoming human...

Cf. John 1.14- Phenomenal cosmic power itty bitty living space

For there is one God and one mediator between God and human beings, Christ Jesus, himself human, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all people

Cf. Hebrews 10.19-22

STILL AWESOME GOD

From the terrifying awe of the Old Testament to the awe of love at a terrible price in the New Testament...

...So what...

Do you think that it is important to have a sense of awe in your relationship with God?

What gives you this sense of awe?

Read Exodus 19 and 20.18-21

In what ways do you think we should share the sense of awe in these verses and in what ways do you feel we are different because of Jesus.

You might like to turn to Hebs 10.19-22 and 1 Tim 2.5-6a...

In Exodus 19, Moses instructs the people to consecrate themselves- look at vv.10-15.

Do we need to consecrate ourselves before coming to God?

Do we need to prepare ourselves? What might that involve?

Do you feel we are in danger ever of 'breaking into the presence of God' (v.21)?

Should we be more fearful of God breaking out?

Read vv.3-8

The text says that people arrive at their destination in Sinai because they arrive at God? (v.4, cf. Ex 3.12)

Do you see him as your destination? How does that affect the way you live and make choices?

Do you think the people are hasty in agreeing to obey God when they have not heard what they are agreeing to, or is this the way agree to obey God?

Is there a difference to obeying God's character and following his promptings in specifics in our lives?

The life of obedience arises out of the Word of God...The connection between the life of obedience and the Word God speaks is inseparable for the Word of God transforms our bets intentions into actual conduct. Holiness is obedience to revealed truth

- Alec Motyer

If this is true, then what follows in the rest of Exodus is very important.

Read Exodus 20.1-17 and share your reactions to these words

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Travels with my Father

To be in your presence
Exodus 19-20

Devoted to Christ, his people, his mission