

Lesson #6

MMBC

Review

God's presence, God's provisions, God's deliverance, and God's protection.

There is much to learn about Mt. Sinai. Encounters happen!

After approximately three months, the Israelites arrived at Mt. Sinai. They saw God's deliverance from Egypt. They were assured of His promised guidance as they journeyed. They saw God give them victory at the Red Sea and finally, they witnessed God's miraculous gifts of food and water, and, as we studied last week, they saw God give them victory over the Amalekites.

What's next? Interestingly, God allowed them to stay at Sinai for an extensive period of time. In fact, their stay in Sinai covers 57 chapters in the Bible. It ends at Numbers 10.

You may remember Sinai was the place where Moses saw the burning bush. According to the Bible this land is found in Midian. It is believed to be modern day Saudi Arabia.

Read Exodus 19:3-4

What is God doing when He calls them to remember what He has done for them?

Why should reflections of their previous victories help strengthen their faith?

God reveals their destiny

Read Exodus 19:5-6

This is very important. This is the beginning of the covenant God was making with His people. What is the contingency?

_____ you obey My voice and keep My commandment....

God promised they would be a "special treasure" and a "kingdom of priests". This was also the beginning of a nation.

Compare this to 1 Peter 2:9.

How does this make you feel to know you are that special to God?

These promises are made to an "obedient" Israel. Why is obedience a part of our blessing?

Read Exodus 19:7-9

How did the people respond? Did they agree or disagree?

What were their precise words?

One commentator said the promise they made was sincere but ignorant! Discussion: Why would one think their promise was ignorant?

Consecration and Sanctification

Read Exodus 19:10-13

God wanted the people to be sanctified before Him. He promises to come down so they could see Him (or rather His glory).

How can or how should we present ourselves before the Lord today?

Note: This was not about how they dressed, but how they had been cleansed!

Read Exodus 19:16-19

Three days later God showed up. Read again how He manifested Himself. This means that every man, woman, boy and girl had an encounter with God. What does Deut. 4:33 say about this encounter? They were all able to say we heard God speak! What a moment!

Notice as Moses went up, God came down!

Moses is now representing the people. What lesson does this teach us about intercession?

What warning did God give the people about holiness at Sinai?

Describe the awe and fear the Israelites must have felt at Sinai.

Do you feel both awe and fear when you are in His presence?

➤ Consider these:

- We must receive God's word
- We must be set apart
- We must be cleansed
- We must respect God's boundary
- We must restrain the flesh
- We must know we come to a holy God

Why do you think this Sinai experience was necessary before they moved further? What was God trying to teach them?

How would this experience help them on their journey? How does the presence of God help us on our journey?

The Giving of the Ten Commandments

Read Exodus 20:1-17

Have you had a Sinai experience in YOUR wilderness?

Group Discussion: Why does God giving us the Law show our complete need for **Him?**