

THE LIFE OF MOSES
WHEN THE PEOPLE MET GOD
EXODUS 19

I. THE TIME OF THE MEETING v.1

- A. The third month
- B. Think of all that has happened in such a brief time

II. THE PLACE OF THE MEETING v.1, 2

- A. Wilderness of Sinai
- B. "in front of the mountain"
 - 1. There are two Mt. Sinai
 - 2. They "camped" there for a year

III. THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MEETING v.3-9

- A. The LORD called to Moses from the mountain v.3
 - 1. "called"
 - 2. Do you remember the other time God called to Moses from this mountain?
 - 3. Do you remember the sign God gave to Moses about this mountain in Exodus?
- B. God's words to the Israelites v.4-8
 - 1. "You yourselves have seen"
 - 2. "What I did to the Egyptians"
 - 3. "and how I bore you on eagles' wings"
 - 4. "and brought you to Myself"

5. What is God bringing about through these words and memories?

C. God's promise to the people v.5, 6

1. "If you will indeed obey my voice and keep my commandments"
2. "then you shall be my own possession"
3. "and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" v.6
4. Compare the results with who we are in Christ

D. The response of the people v. 7,8

1. Moses set before the people all the words of God v.7
2. "All the people answered together" v.8
3. "All that the LORD has spoken we will do"
4. Do we ever promise God that all that He commands us we will do?
5. What do you know about human beings? The Israelites?

IV. GOD CAME DOWN V.9-17

A. God told Moses He would come to him in a thick cloud

1. "thick cloud"
2. Notice why God was doing this v.9

B. Moses was to "consecrate" the people v.10

1. "wash"
2. Why were they to be consecrated?

C. The people were to be ready on the third day for God to come down v.10, 11

D. Boundaries were to be set around the mountain v.12, 13

1. What would the boundaries indicate to the people?

2. They were not to go up or touch the mountain

E. Moses went down and told the people v.14, 15

F. The LORD came down v. 16

1. "when it was morning" v.16
2. "thunder and lightning flashing"
3. "a thick cloud"
4. "a very loud trumpet"
5. The people "trembled"
6. Why?

G. "Moses brought the people out of camp to meet God" v.17

1. What position would this action give Moses?
2. We have a mediator in Christ whom through we can come to God

V. THE LORD SPOKE WITH MOSES v.18-25

A. Mt. Sinai was all in smoke

1. "Because the LORD descended upon it in fire"
2. "the whole mountain quaked violently"
3. Imagine that scene as the people were watching
4. What would this do with the commitment they had made in v.8?

B. The LORD called Moses to come up to the top of the mountain v.19, 20

C. The LORD's words to Moses

1. "Go down and warn the people" v.21
2. Also the priests v.22

3. Moses was to go down and come up again with Aaron v.24, 25

D. What stands out to you about this incident?

1. How would you have responded if you were the people?
2. How would you have responded if you were Moses?

VI. LESSONS FOR US FROM THIS MEETING

A. God is a holy God

B. There must be a humbling of ourselves before God

C. God came down to meet them

D. God's grace is amazing

E. To meet with God we must prepare ourselves

1. By our commitment
2. By our consecration
3. By our washing of our "garments"
4. By the humbling of ourselves

Once we place God in His rightful place and ourselves in our place, everything else falls into place.

THE LIFE OF MOSES
SINAI AND A GOLDEN CALF
EXODUS 32

- I. THE PEOPLE ASK AARON TO MAKE THEM A god EXODUS 32:1
 - A. Moses had been up on the mountain with God for 40 days
Exodus 24:18
 - B. Why did they ask Aaron to make them a god?
 - 1. Moses delayed in coming down
 - 2. We don't know what has happened to him
 - 3. Make us a god who will go before us
 - C. What are they really expressing with this demand?
 - 1. Impatience
 - 2. Denial of reality
 - 3. Disrespect
 - 4. A lack of faith
 - 5. A focus upon self
 - 6. Forgetfulness