



SERIES: NEW BEGINNINGS

Subseries: Yahweh Commits

Lesson: A Kingdom of Priests & A Holy Nation (Exodus 19)

Big Idea: Exodus 19 answers who gets to draw near to a holy God, and how.

An Outline of Exodus 19:

- I. Yahweh's Grace (vv. 1-4)
- II. Yahweh's Calling (vv. 5-8)
- III. Yahweh's Dwelling (v. 9)
- IV. Yahweh's Holiness (vv. 10-15)
- V. Yahweh's Mediator (vv. 16-25)

I. Yahweh's Grace (Exodus 19:1-4)



II. Yahweh's Calling (Exodus 19:5-8)

Calling:	Meaning:
God's Treasured Possession	All people are image-bearers; however, Isreal was bestowed a special status as God's spiritual treasure / people.
A Royal Priesthood	Israel will be a priestly-royal people (Edenic Echoes)
A Holy Nation	Israel is set apart for a special purpose. To accomplish this purpose, she must be pure and righteous.



III. Yahweh's Dwelling (Exodus 19:9)

IV. Yahweh's Holiness (Exodus 19:10-15)

V. Yahweh's Mediator (Exodus 19:16-25)

	Mt. Sinai	Mt. Zion
Atmosphere	Storm, fire, clouds, thick darkness, earthquakes, loud trumpets	Joyful, celebratory, festive gathering
Access to God	Limited / Restricted to Yahweh	Unrestricted / Unlimited Access through Jesus
Mediator	Moses, trembling with fear	Jesus, the Messianic, Sacrificial King
Atonement	No atonement / cleansing that could permanently remove sin; animal sacrifices point forward	Jesus' sprinkled blood, "speaking a better word than the blood of Abel" (Abel's blood called out for revenge... Jesus' blood called out for forgiveness)
God's Glory & Presence	Veiled by the clouds	Jesus' death tore the veil of the temple in two
Location	Earthly mountain, temporary, shaking	Heavenly Jerusalem, eternal, unshakable kingdom
God's Dwelling	In the tabernacle / temple	Inside of believers (we are the Temple)
Result for People	Fear, distance, trembling	Joy, intimacy, celebration
Type of covenant	Conditional	Unconditional

Final Takeaways:

1. Access to Yahweh Is a Gracious Gift, Not a Right

2. Acceptance Precedes Obedience

3. God Reveals Himself — But Also Conceals Himself

4. Remember Who You Are In Christ

5. You Are Indwelt by Yahweh (if you are in Christ)

Life Group Questions:

- 1) Remember to open your life group with a time to "preach" to each other.
- 2) What aspect of tonight's lesson was new, challenging, confusing, or convicting to you?
- 3) What does it mean to be God's "treasured possession," a "kingdom of priests," and a "holy nation"? How do these identities apply to believers / the church today? (Hint: Read I Peter 2:9-12)
- 4) Look at the comparison chart between Mt. Sinai and Mt. Zion.
 - Which contrast stands out most to you, and why?
 - How does Jesus as our mediator change the way we approach God compared to the Israelites at Sinai?
- 5) Final Takeaway 1: Access to Yahweh Is a Gracious Gift, Not a Right
 - How does knowing you have full, unrestricted access to God through Jesus affect your prayer life or daily walk?
 - What are some ways you can cultivate gratitude and humility in response to this access?
- 6) Final Takeaway 2: Acceptance Precedes Obedience
 - In what ways have you struggled with trying to "earn" God's favor, love, approval, or forgiveness? How does this teaching help reframe that struggle?
- 7) Final Takeaway 4: Remember Who You Are in Christ
 - Which identity do you most need to meditate on right now: treasured possession, royal priest, or holy nation? Why?
 - How can you live missionally and pursue holiness in your current season of life?

Close by sharing prayer requests / praying as a group.