

# THE MOUNTAIN OF DECISION



## Key Scripture-

Exodus 20.18-21

*Takeaway -*

*Not only does God want to be present in our everyday lives,  
He wants us to encounter His presence.*

## GROW-

Exodus 19 + 20

## LIVE-

***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 and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die."***

***Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning."***

***The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.***

Sinful people were not allowed to come near a holy God. Which means God's people were forbidden from approaching Him. The all-consuming holiness of God would have overwhelmed any who came into His presence. Only priests at specific and appointed times of the year were allowed to enter into the presence of God. There was an awe that came from seeing God's power and authority on display. A sense of fear and wonder that deterred sin, and lead the people to worship Him. The people were genuinely afraid of God and saw such a vast distance between themselves and the Holy One, that if they uttered a word to Him they would die. Instead Moses was chosen as a mediator, one who would go between the people and God, and a foreshadowing of the Christ; the perfect Mediator between God and humanity.

## LOVE-

Jesus' work on the Cross changed the way God and man interact with each other. When Jesus took on the sins of the world He also came under the wrath of God. His sacrifice was the perfect substitution for our sin. He established a new and living way for man to have a relationship with God, and to all who receive His grace through faith, He is the perfect Mediator between us and God. Instead of standing at a distance in fear of what God might do, through the blood of Jesus we can now confidently draw near to God because of what He has done.

## LOOK-

How do you view God? Do you carry a healthy fear of Him? Do you see Him as being angry or holy? Does your relationship with God reflect wonder and worship?