

## Sermon Notes

### *Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen*

“A Mountaintop Experience” – Exodus 19:16-25

#### I. Introduction.

A. Metaphorically speaking – Mountaintop experience.

1. Pastor Don’s experience

B. Israel summoned to Sinai.

1. Extensive and thoughtful reflection was ordered by God.

2. What we are about to read is unique in all the Word of God.

3. Reading of the text: Exodus 19:16-25.

#### II. Exposition

A. Verse 16

1. Thunder and lightning

2. The people “trembled” – Literally a physical quaking.

B. Verse 17

1. Moses was afraid, too – Deut. 19:19; Heb. 12:21

C. Verse 18

1. Increasing violence

2. A simile is employed – “Like the smoke of a kiln.”

a. See Genesis 19:18

3. Judgment – Psalm 97:1-5

D. Verse 19

1. Trumpet – probably a *sōphar* -- the herald of great events.

a. Joel 2:1; Zeph. 1:16; Isa. 27:13; Zech. 9:14

2. Thunder or voice – The people heard the voice of God.

a. Deut. 4:11-12

3. Moses validated as law-giver and not simply a lawyer.

E. Verse 20

1. Yahweh comes down while Moses must go up

a. Holy versus profane.

F. Verse 21

1. Holy boundaries reemphasized. Was it superfluous? No!

a. Go down, warn – two imperatives. Certain death awaits anyone who touches the mountain.

G. Verse 22

1. “Priests” – Who were they?

a. Possibly pre-Aaronic priesthood – Gen. 14:18; Ex. 2:16

b. Likely first born males – Ex. 13:1-2, 11-16

2. “Break out against them” or break through.

a. God is dangerous.

H. Verse 23

1. Moses did not perceive how serious the situation was in regard to the holiness command to not touch the mountain.

I. Verses 24-25

1. God sternly corrects Moses.

#### III. Points for Reflection.

A. The transcendent holiness of God is in full bloom through the supernatural occurrences at Sinai.

B. Breaking and entering is always punishable by the magistrate.

C. Reflections on dread are not a bad thing....

D. ... Because it makes the gospel sweeter.

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