

Meeting God At The Mountain Exodus 19:1-25 #13 in a series on Exodus Pastor Lyle L. Wahl September 7, 2025

Getting our bearings.

- 1. An overview of the events. (1-25)
- 2. What's going on here?
 - a. God's premise.

(3-6, 9-13, 20-24; see also Deuteronomy 4:31-33; 32:9-11; Psalm 115:3; 135:6)

- b. God's promises. (5-6; see also Deuteronomy 7:6)
- c. God's conditions. (5)

Gleaning truth for ourselves.

- 1. God chooses, saves by His sovereign grace.
 - (Deuteronomy 7:6-8; 10:14-15; John 15:16, 19; Romans 3:20; Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 1:14)
- 2. God is faithful to His promises.

(Exodus 3:12; Deuteronomy 4:31; 7:6-8; 1 Corinthians 1:4-9; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 2:13; Hebrews 10:23)

3. God commands and blesses faithful obedience.

(5-6, 10-11; 1 Corinthians 3:12-15; 4:1-5)

4. God, who draws us close, must be respected and reverenced.

(12-13, 21, 23-24; see also Deuteronomy 4:23-24; Ecclesiastes 5:1-7; Isaiah 57:15; Matthew 1:23; Ephesians 2:13; 1 Timothy 6:15-16; Hebrews 10:19-22; 12:28-29)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Read Exodus 19:1-25 to refresh the overall picture and some of the specifics in your mind. Israel came to the mountain to worship God. God came to them there to bring about His covenant with them. Underpinning this is God's sovereignty—"He does whatever He pleases" (Psalm 115:3). While there are things we don't and can't understand about how God's sovereignty and our responsible choices fit together, they do. Thank God for His grace in rescuing you from the domain of darkness and transferring you to Christ's kingdom (Colossians 1:13).

Tuesday. God made promises to Israel in this chapter: they would be His own possession, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (5-6). They were to have a unique position with God and role in the world. The promises were grounded in God's faithfulness and enjoyed by Israelites who were people of faith and faithful to God. Today Christians also have a unique position with God and role in the world (see 1 Peter 2:9). Thank God for this blessing and His faithfulness.

Wednesday. God promises to Israel in verses 5-6 were conditional on their faithful, loving obedience. They did not earn God's acceptance or salvation. Rather, this obedience opened the door to God's blessings and their enjoyment of living in that covenant relationship. God commands and expects us to be faithful—to listen to and obey His truth in the Bible and follow His leading. He blesses faithfulness both now in our relationship with Him and with rewards in heaven. Keep committed to and growing in faithful, loving obedience to God.

Thursday. The scene in Exodus 19 included a call to cleansing from sin, barriers to the mountain, clouds, smoke, lighting, thunder, violent shaking, frightening loud blasts and then God speaking. It was terrifying! Remember, all of this demonstrated the truth that God must be respected and reverenced. While our situation is different, we need to take care to not lose sight of the reality of Jesus Christ who is Immanuel (God with us) is also God who is "a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:29). Guard your heart from a casual attitude toward God.

Friday/Saturday. On Sunday we plan to take the first look at the ten commandments. Read and reflect on Exodus 20:1-26 in preparation for our time together.