

Mediator on the Mountain

Intro:

Num 10:11-13, 29

From this chapter until numbers 10:11-13, 29 Israel is camped out at the foot of mount sinai until they moved into the promised land...Why didn't they keep moving before that?

Ex 33:1-3, 12-16

Because no matter how terrifying and difficult it may have been - His presence was at sinai

Heaven is not heaven because of golden streets and a painless existence

Heaven is not Heaven because of our loved ones and wonderful reunions

Heaven is Heaven because it is where God dwells - Heaven is Heaven because of the presence of God

Problem:

Matt 7:21-23 salvation is about having a personal relationship with Jesus

Why does this personal relationship look so different than the one pictured in exodus 19? The goal hasn't changed. Man hasn't changed. God hasn't changed. What has?

Main Idea:

The goal hasn't changed

Man hasn't changed

God hasn't changed

Implication:

The Mediator has

Application:

God still wants a personal relationship with you

But you are still dirty

And He is still holy

But Christ changes everything

Articles for further study:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/personal-relationship-with-God.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/total-depravity.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/holy-holy-holy.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Jesus-mediator.html>

<http://www.barabbas.com/sermons/?>

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Text:

The goal hasn't changed

Ex. 19:1 ¶ On the third new moon (2.5 months after passover) after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai.

Ex. 19:2 They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain,

Ex. 19:3 while **Moses went up to God**. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel:

Ex. 19:4 **'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings (mother eagles fly under babies learning to fly) and brought you to myself.**

Ex. 19:5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, **you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples**, for all the earth is mine;

Ex. 19:6 **and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (glory all creation holiness in Israel being set apart).**' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

lev 26:3, 11-13 (the goal hasn't changed - God still wants a personal relationship with you - this is context of the Law - the purpose of it ultimately)

gen 3:8 (we lost a personal relationship through disobedience - here we see it reinstated through full obedience - but not theirs)

rev 20:6; 21:3-4 (this is still the goal - God still wants a personal relationship with you)

1 pet 2:9-10 (God still wants a personal relationship with you - He still wants a kingdom of priests.)

The good news is that the goal hasn't changed... The bad news - neither have we...)

Man hasn't changed

Ex. 19:7 ¶ So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him.

Ex. 19:8 All the people answered together and said, "**All that the LORD has spoken we will do.**" And **Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD**.

Ex. 19:9 And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, **and may also believe you forever.**" When **Moses told the words of the people to the LORD**,

Ex. 19:10 **the LORD said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments**

Ex. 19:11 **and be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.**

Ex. 19:12 **And you shall set limits for the people all around, saying, 'Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death.**

Ex. 19:13 **No hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot; whether beast or man, he shall not live.**' When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain."

Ex. 19:14 **So Moses went down** from the mountain to **the people and consecrated the people; and they washed their garments.**

Ex. 19:15 And he said to the people, "Be ready for the third day; **do not go near a woman (total focus - 1 cor 7:5 do not deprive except for prayer).**"

zech 3:1-5 (man hasn't changed - you are still dirty and still ignorant - kingdom of filthy priests - still need to be washed)

Isaiah 64:6 (polluted (iddah) used 1 time = menstrual) - your righteous deeds are akin to a used menstrual rag)

Rom 3:9-23 (Man hasn't changed - the law - context of this moment - proves it)

1 cor 6:9-11 (God wants a relationship with you but you still need to be clean - if you haven't been washed you cannot be with Him)

God hasn't changed

Ex. 19:16 ¶ On the morning of the third day there were **thunders and lightnings** and **a thick cloud** on the mountain and **a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled.**

Ex. 19:17 Then **Moses brought** the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain.

Ex. 19:18 Now Mount Sinai was **wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire**. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and **the whole mountain trembled greatly.**

Ex. 19:19 And as **the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder**, Moses spoke, and **God answered him in thunder.**

Ex. 19:20 The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And **the LORD called Moses** to the top of the mountain, **and Moses went up.**

Ex. 19:21 ¶ And the LORD said to Moses, "**Go down** and **warn the people, lest they break through to the LORD to look and many of them perish.**

Ex. 19:22 Also let the priests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves, **lest the LORD break out against them.**"

Ex. 19:23 And Moses said to the LORD, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for you yourself warned us, saying, 'Set limits around the mountain and consecrate it.'"

Ex. 19:24 And the LORD said to him, "**Go down, and come up** bringing Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, **lest he break out against them.**"

Ex. 19:25 **So Moses went down** to the people and told them.

Ex 3:1-6 (God hasn't changed still terrifying - the God who was so dangerous to the Egyptians was dangerous to them as well...)

Ex 28:33-35 (He does not get less terrifying - hot zone)

Mk 4:35-41 (even in the NT theophanies are terrifying - sometimes our worship is too comfortable - oh how casual we are)

Rev 1:17 (even for the beloved disciple (even for Isaiah woe is me)...the goal hasn't changed God still wants a personal relationship with you - Man hasn't changed - you are still dirty - God hasn't changed He is still holy and terrifying...so what has changed)

The mediator has

Ex 19:9 -> 3:12 (one thing has changed - this theophany was meant to establish Moses as the mediator)

deut 18:15-18 (a prophet like me)

heb 4:14-16; 7:26-28; 9:6-14, 23-28; 10:10-14, 19-25; 12:18-29 (the safest place to be in a forest fire - you can dance in a hurricane but only if you are standing in the eye)