

Exodus 19:1-25  
“What’s The Point of This Relationship?”

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OK...

- Last week we explored (Exodus 18).
  - It was a break in the chronological flow of the book...
    - As we got a glimpse of how Moses wrestled in the work.

TODAY...

- We resume the chronological flow in (Ex. 19:1-2).
- And the general picture is...
  - They camped here at Mount Sinai for about 11-months.

IDEA #1 – NEW EXPERIENCES

NOW...

- The flight from Egypt was a picture of deliverance OR redemption...
  - By the hand of God.
- Here at Mount Sinai God is entering into relationship with His people.
  - As He brings them to maturity.

IN (v.4) He uses the picture of an eagle taking up the eaglet.

- Mamma eagle nudges the baby eagle out of the nest...
  - Once they reach a certain age.
    - She’s pushes them out of the nest & bears them up.

AT THIS POINT...

- Israel had grown from 1-family of 70-people...
  - Into about 2.5 million people.
    - And it was time for maturity – the next step.

(v.5) This is the start of the **IF / THEN** relationship = a covenant relationship.

(John 1:12-13) NKJV

- This is how we see it in the church age.
  - It’s a “*New Experience*” a life of FAITH!
    - (1 Peter 2:5 & 9-10) NKJV

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**IDEA #2 – GET READY**

NOW... THE PEOPLE WERE TO PREPARE TO MEET GOD.

- In the OT times they didn’t have extra clothing as we do today.
  - They didn’t regularly take showers OR baths.

SO... WASHING THEIR CLOTHES...

- And getting cleaned up was an intentional act for a special moment.
  - God said (vv.10-11)...
  - *Consecrate* = ceremonial cleansing

THEIR PHYSICAL WASHING...

- Was a preparation of seriousness and being set apart.

HERE’S HOW WE RECOGNIZE THIS IN OUR TIME...

- (1 John 1:9) NKJV
- (2 Cor. 7:1) NKJV

OK... THE NEXT THING WE SEE... (vv.12-13)

- Is the physical barriers & warnings NOT to approach the mountain.

THE LESSON FOR THEM...

- Is God is Holy and you’re to keep your distance....
  - Because your unholy!
- The Tabernacle of meeting had a fence around it.
  - Later the Temple had a veil separating...
    - The people from where God dwelt.

THIS WAS SERIOUS...

- People would die if they approached a Holy God...
  - In an unworthy manner.

FOR THE CHURCH...

- After the death of Christ the veil in the Temple was torn.
  - Because in Jesus our sin is taken away (John 1:29) NKJV
    - And we have access to draw near (Heb. 4:16) NKJV

**IDEA #3 – HEARING HIS VOICE**

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AT (v.19) THE PEOPLE HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD...

- Talking to Moses.
  - c.p. (Deut. 4:33) NKJV
  - (Deut. 5:24) NKJV

THE POINT OF THE RELATIONSHIP...

- Was to be a blessing to all people of the world (Jew & Gentile)
  - (Gen. 12:3).

WE TOO WANT TO LEARN...

- How to hear God’s voice... (Heb. 3:15) NKJV.

IN THE CHURCH...

- There are two types of people:
  - 1) *Problem-people*
  - 2) *People-with-problems*

**PROBLEM PEOPLE:**

- Cause conflict
- Complain
- Criticize
- Crusty attitude

**PEOPLE WITH PROBLEMS:**

- Untaught in the truths of God
- Ignorant of the love of God
- Need to be discipled
- Teachable people