

Exodus 19:16-19; 20:20

¹⁶So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. ¹⁷And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

¹⁸Now Mount Sinai was all in smoke because the Lord descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked violently. ¹⁹When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and God answered him with thunder.

²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come in order to test you, and in order that the fear of Him may remain with you, so that you may not sin."

SERMON NOTES

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God-Fearing

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Negative attitude toward fear.

"And His mercy is...toward those who FEAR Him." (Luke 1:50) "Therefore, knowing the FEAR of the Lord, we persuade men." (2 Corinthians 5:11) "Be subject to one another in the FEAR of Christ." (Ephesians 5:21) "Work out your salvation with FEAR and trembling." (Philippians 2:12)

"Do you not fear God?" – Thief on the cross.

Begins with grace (vs. 3-4)

Moves to obedience (v. 5)

Requires surrender and repentance (vs. 8-10)

God teaches fear (vs. 16-19)

20:20 – Biblical balance (paradox)

It is the minimum we owe. "Who understands the power of Your anger And Your fury, according to the fear that is due You?" (Psalm 90:11)

Job – critical of God (not) (Job 2:10)

Jesus – prayerless (not) (Matthew 26:41)

Peter – inconsiderate to wife (not) (1 Peter 3:7)

Ananias and Sapphira – superficial religion (not) (Acts 5:1-11)

Jesus – unforgiveness (not) (Matthew 18:35)

Solomon – other gods (not) (1 Kings 11:4)

1 John 4:18 "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear..."