



# DIGGING DEEPER

Exodus 19 – An awesome encounter

*Scary glory!*

**PLEASE READ** – Exodus 19

## GETTING STARTED

How do you understand the word “awesome” nowadays? What do you think our response might be when we see Jesus as he really is, (to quote the song) ...

*How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant prince of light*

Would some kind of *fear* be included?

- the fear that is described in Psalm 111:10 or Proverbs 1:7, perhaps?

## A hopeful start (vv 1-8)

There’s a huge promise – or set of promises, perhaps – given in verses 5-6.

In what sense do these elements apply to us nowadays?

Compare these verses with their NT quotation in 1 Peter 2:9.

What purpose has Peter added?

Might he have added this because the final line of Genesis 12:3 had been forgotten?

So (think about in *practice* here) what does God intend his people nowadays to be ...

... in order to do what? (And do we?)

## Glory ... but not as we usually think of it (9-25)

There are several passages in the NT that we need to hold up against this section. This is definitely a “compare and contrast” job, thinking through what John (1:17) summarised as  
*For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

So check out the following passages for the similarities *and the profound differences* between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. Which one is (so very clearly) better? And in what ways? Maybe it would be good to pause at this point and give thanks to God!

1 Peter 2:9

2 Corinthians 3 (especially verses 7-10)

Hebrew 12:18-24

## Pause and think

Read on to Hebrews 12:28-29. Are we tempted to ignore the words of this final verse?