Exodus 19

An awesome encounter





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Matthew 6:9

'This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven, ..."

Hebrews 12:28-29

... let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our 'God is a consuming fire.'

Moses and the Israelites prepare for the fearsome prospect of meeting with God

Hebrews 12:18-19

You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast ...

Hebrews 12:22

But you have come to ...

Hebrews 12:24

... to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant ...

On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt – on that very day – they came to the Desert of Sinai.

After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

THIS IS NOT JUST ANY CAFÉ

THIS IS AN M&S CAFÉ

Exodus 3:12

And God said, 'I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.'

When God's promises puzzle us

Exodus 3:17

'And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites – a land flowing with milk and honey.'

When God's promises puzzle us

What else?



I Just Can't Wait To Be King

Elton John

The Lion King

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... Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God, ...

... and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, 'This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: "You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself."

"Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

Genesis 12:3

in and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

When we become introverted

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak.

The people all responded together, 'We will do everything the LORD has said.' So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.

The LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, so that the people will hear me speaking with you and will always put their trust in you.'

Exodus 19:10-11

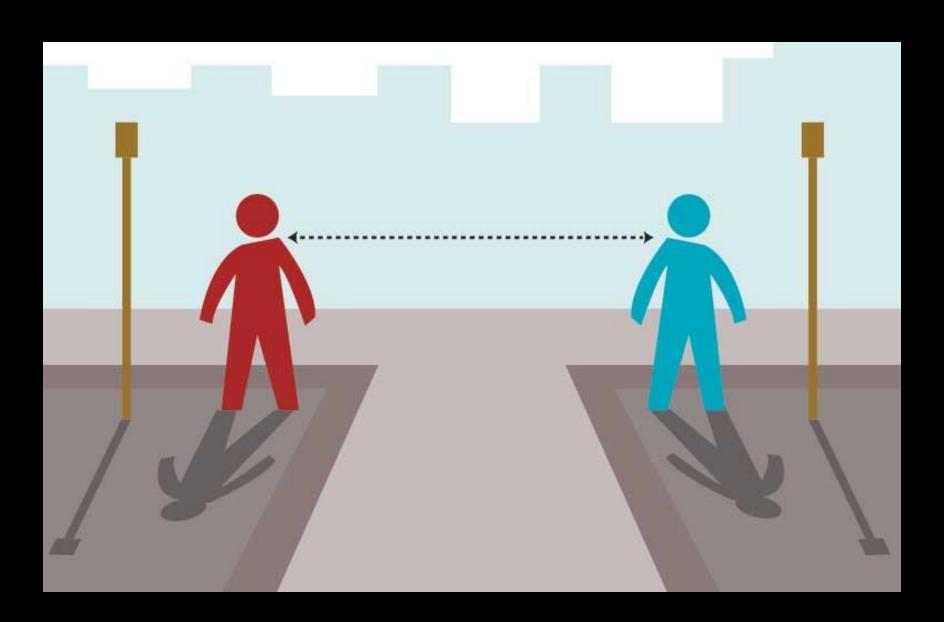
'Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Make them wash their clothes and be ready by the third day, because on that day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.'





Exodus 19:12-13

'Put limits for the people around the mountain and tell them, "Be careful that you do not approach the mountain or touch the foot of it. Whoever touches the mountain is to be put to death. They are to be stoned or shot with arrows; not a hand is to be laid on them. No person or animal shall be permitted to live."



'Only when the ram's horn sounds a long blast may they approach the mountain.'

On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled.

Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently.

As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.

The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, 'I am trembling with fear.'

The LORD descended to the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. So Moses went up ...

Exodus 20:1

And God spoke all these words: ...

Exodus 19

Meeting with God: scary glory

2 Corinthians 3:7

... the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, ...

2 Corinthians 3:9

... the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious ...

Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, ...

Hebrews 12:18-19

... a mountain ... burning with fire; ... darkness, gloom and storm; ... a trumpet blast ... a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ...

2 Corinthians 3:9

If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness!

2 Corinthians 3:11-12

And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts! Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.



2 Corinthians 4:6

... the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ...

... to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

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... to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Genesis 4:10

The LORD said, 'What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground.'

Luke 23:34

Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.'

John 19:30

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.'

Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, ...

John 1:16-17

Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 3:11-12

In [Christ Jesus our Lord] and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.