

## Sermon Notes

### *Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen*

“The Room With a Mountain View” – Exodus 20:18-21

#### I. Introduction

A. Illustration of the Law’s effect on our lives.

1. Pastor Don and bike riding.

B. Remember that the Israelites are still at Sinai.

1. Exodus 20:18; 19:18

a. Great fear remains.

C. Main text – Exodus 20:18-21.

#### II. Exposition

A. Verse 18

1. Why are physical manifestations like thunder noted before and after the giving of the Moral Law?

a. It was a continual display.

b. In Chapter 19 limits were set around the mountain. Now these precautions are not necessary.

2. “Trembled” – Hebrew “to reel or stagger.”

3. Why so afraid?

a. Manifestations – yes, but there is more.

b. Now God’s demands have been placed upon them.

1. God placed total claim upon their lives.

c. Judgment is in the air.

1. Charles Spurgeon.

B. Verse 19

1. They did not want to deal with God.

a. “Pleaded” – Hebrews 12:19

2. They were right – They needed a mediator.

C. Verse 20

1. Moses calms the people.

a. Deuteronomy 5:5

2. Review three uses of the Moral Law.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Which use did Moses have in mind?

a. Perhaps civil – restraining evil in the newly formed theocracy.

b. Perhaps to highlight sin.

1. Moses noted God has come to test you.

a. Hebrew NASA – Ex. 15:25; 16:4.

c. Perhaps the third, too. They were told to not be afraid; God did not purpose to destroy them.

1. Elect were present in Ancient Israel.

D. Verse 21

1. The “darkness” – a reference to the mystery of God being cloaked and ominous.

#### III. Points for Reflection.

A. The rehearsal is over and the curtain is about to go up on the Day of Judgment.

1. Spurgeon

2. Paul at Athens – Acts 17:30-31.

B. Hopefully, by now, we realize that it is impossible to keep the Ten Commandments.

1. Westminster Shorter Catechism #82

2. The testing of Luther.

C. We have a better mediator of a superior covenant.

1. Romans 8:3a, I Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 3:3a; 8:6; 9:15

D. We have come to a different mountain.

1. Hebrews 12:18-20a, 22-24

E. The Mediator now instructs us on how to use the Law.

1. Free from the curse of the Law while under the Law of Christ. I Corinthians 9:21.

2. No fear – Romans 8:1

3. Philip Ryken.

4. Samuel Bolton.