

The Life of Moses - Learning to Follow God At the Mount Sinai - Hearing from God

Exodus 19:1-32:35

What really happened at Mt. Sinai?

Review: His Birth - Watching God work

His Call - Overcoming our excuses

Before Pharaoh - God's Grace and Power made clear!

By the Sea - Overcoming the Impossible

1. On the Way - 44 days

Bitter water made drinkable **Exodus 15**

Manna and Quail given to eat **Exodus 16**

Water from the Rock **Exodus 17**

Note - 600,000 men - 2,500,000 total

Food - 200 Train cars daily/Water - 26 train tankers daily

2. At the Mountain of God

3 ½ of the 5 Books of Moses written

Children of Israel stayed over one year

Account not written chronological

3. Common misconceptions

Moses only went up the mountain twice

He went up at least 6 times maybe 8

He stayed on the mountain 40 days and nights

Only Moses went up the mountain

He took others - Aaron and Elders at least once

Joshua several times

Only Moses heard God's voice

All heard the 10 commandments and feared

Only the 10 Commandments were given

The Moral, Ceremonial and Civil laws were given

The plans for the Tabernacle were given

The craftsmen and means were given

Summary - What really happened?

God revealed His desire to communicate with man

Through laws, Tabernacle and revelation of who God really is.

God taught man how to hear from God

By preparing his heart and mind

By laying aside all that hinders us from hearing

God revealed the need of mankind - sinful nature and deeds

Revealed by the laws and by their actions (Golden Calf **Exodus 32**)

I. How to hear from God **Exodus 19:1-20**

A. What God desires

That we belong to Him - **my own possession**

That we connect others to Him -- **a kingdom of priests**

That we reveal Him in our lives - **a holy nation**

We have this roll today - **1 Peter 2:9**

B. What God requires

1. The Actions

a. Consecration - all dedicated to God

Two days

b. Remove all that defiles - wash clothes

Clean hands and pure heart

c. Refrain from all that distracts -

Sex not wrong but distracting

1 Corinthians 7:5 for prayer

2. The Attitudes

a. Holy Reverence - don't treat lightly

b. Obedient Response - come when He calls

3. The Assistance

a. One who "stands between"

Moses for Israel

Jesus for us **1 Timothy 2:5**

C. What God revealed

1. The means of forgiveness

Israel - sacrifices for sins

Us - Jesus the ultimate sacrifice

2. The nature of God **Exodus 34:6-9**

He is Lord of all

His Nature

Compassion, Grace, Slow to Anger

Abounding in lovingkindness and truth

Also Just, Worthy of worship

Moses' experience at Mt. Sinai teaches us two very important truths

1. God is the one reaching out to us - making a path

2. Only coming to Him in His way can satisfy our soul.