

Sermon Discussion: Exodus 19 & 20:18-21

1. Re-enter the Text

What did God say?

- What phrase or image from Exodus 19 (or 20:18–21) stayed with you?
- Which movement of the sermon most impacted you — Grace, Covenant, Holiness, or Mediator?
- Where did you feel either comforted or unsettled?

2. Behold God

What is this showing us about who God is?

Grace (19:1–4)

- What does God remind Israel of before He gives them commands?
- What does it mean that He brought them “on eagles’ wings” to Himself?

Covenant (19:5–9)

- What identity does God give His people before they’ve proven anything?
- What does it mean to be His “treasured possession” and a “kingdom of priests”?

Glorious Holiness (19:10–19)

- What do the thunder, fire, and trembling teach us about God’s holiness?
- Why is it significant that God comes down to them rather than asking them to climb up?

Mediator (20:18–21)

- Why do the people shrink back?
- What does Moses’ role teach us about the need for a mediator?

3. Reflect on Us

What is this revealing in us?

- Where are you most tempted to doubt God’s care or character?
- When life feels uncertain, what do you instinctively run to for comfort or control?
- Do you find yourself trying to obey to earn love — or enjoying love and then obeying?

- When you think about God’s holiness, do you lean more toward fear, indifference, or awe?

4. Receive the Gospel

What is God offering us here?

- What good news is there in the fact that grace comes before covenant obedience?
- How does knowing you are already a “treasured possession” reshape obedience?
- How does Jesus fulfill what Moses could only picture?
(Hebrews 12:18–24 may help here.)

5. Respond in Faith

How might this shape our lives—slowly and concretely?

- Is there an area of obedience where enjoyment of God has faded?
- Is there an area where you are striving instead of trusting?
- What might it look like this week to obey not to earn love, but because you are loved?
- Where might confession and repentance feel like “coming home” instead of punishment?

6. Pray It In

- Thank God for carrying you before you ever obeyed.
- Confess where you’ve doubted His care or character.
- Ask Him to restore the joy of your salvation.
- Ask Jesus, your mediator, to draw you near with confidence.

