

God called Moses (the third time)–
The revelation of God's Purity
Exodus 19:10-25

- Moses was called unto God five times.
- Each time, God revealed a certain aspect of His character to Moses. In each encounter, there were distinct revelations of God's being that were manifested to Moses.
- He was given opportunities to understand the mind and the will of God.
- God was preparing Moses as a fine vessel to fulfill His purpose.

God Called Moses – The Revelation of God

- ▶ **The Revelation of His Person - What He Displayed** - “God called unto him out of the midst of the bush” Exo. 3:4
- ▶ **The Revelation of His Principle- What He Demands-** “And the LORD called unto him out of the mountain” Exo. 19:3
- ▶ **The Revelation of His Purity- What He Dictates** - “And the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount” Exo. 19:20
- ▶ **The Revelation of His Pattern- What He Desires-** “And the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud” Exo. 24:16
- ▶ **The Revelation of His Pleasure- What He Deserves-** “And the LORD called unto Moses” Lev. 1:1

The Revelation of His Purity - “The Lord called unto him out of the mountain” Exo. 19:20

- ▷ **Sanctification -the People, the Priests and the Place**
- ▷ **Separation between the camp and God (Setting boundary)**
- ▷ **Splendor of God's Presence**
- ▷ **Supremacy of the New Covenant**

- ▶ **God's Purity demands sanctification**, if He were to come down, people, priests and the place have to be sanctified.
- ▶ **Sanctification of the People**- "And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and **sanctify them** today and tomorrow, and let them **wash their clothes**, ¹¹ And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai." Exo. 19:10, 11
- ▶ **Sanctification of the Priests** - "And let the **priests** also, which come near to the LORD, **sanctify themselves**, lest the LORD break forth upon them." Exo. 19:22
- ▶ **Sanctification of the Place** - "And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and **sanctify it**." Exo. 19:23

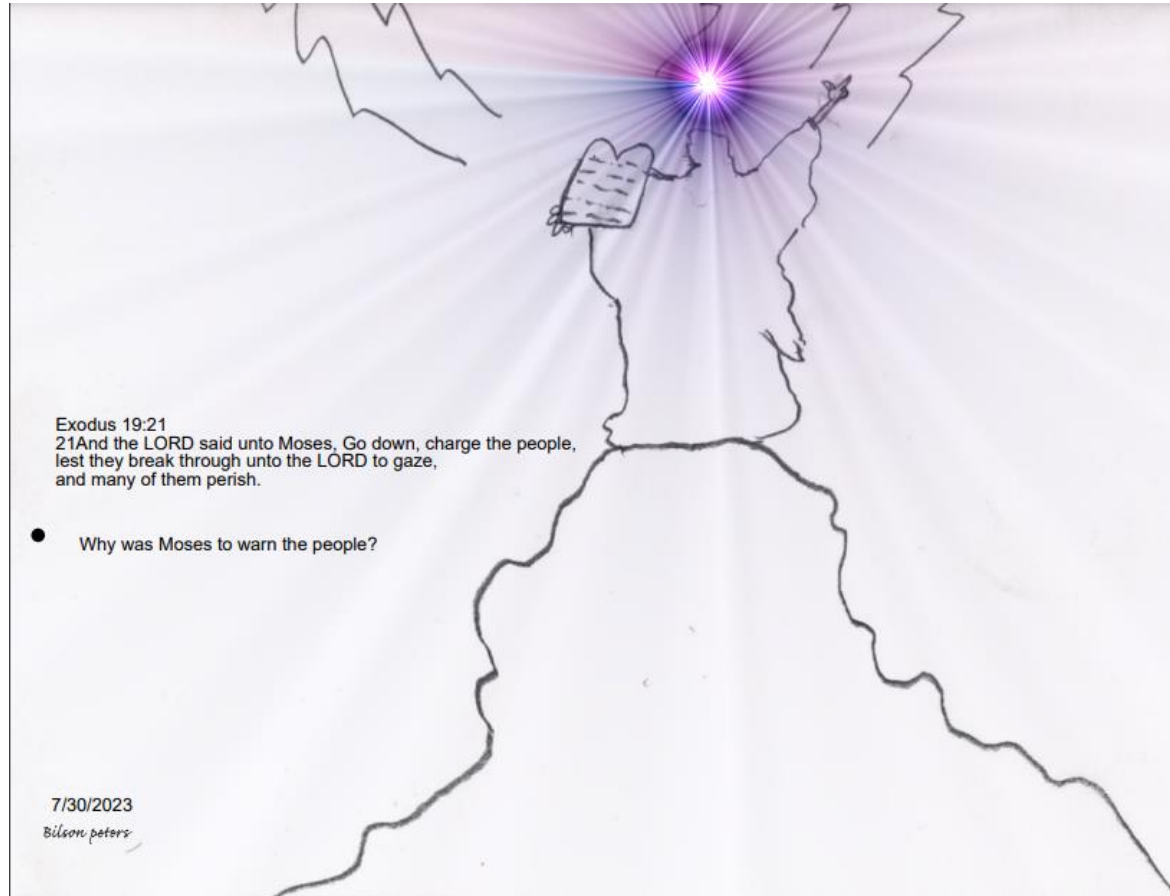
- ▶ "And sanctify them **today and tomorrow**" 19:10 - Sanctification is not just for a day, it is a daily activity.
- ▶ "And let them **wash their clothes**," 19:10- Their deeds and conduct should be pure and clean.
- ▶ **Man's efforts** - "If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean; ³¹ Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me." Job 9:30, 31
- ▶ "For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord GOD." Jer 2:22

Separation between the camp and God (Setting boundary)

- ▶ "And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that **ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it**: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: **13** There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount." Exo. 19:12, 13
- ▶ Even after sanctification, they were instructed not to come near the mount.
- ▶ God set a clear boundary between Himself and the people.

- ▷ **Splendor of God's Presence – Reflected in the tabernacle.**
- ▷ "And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled." Exo. 19:16
- ▷ "And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly." Exo. 19:18
- ▷ "And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice." Exo. 19:19
- ▷ **God's Majestic presence is manifested through these phenomenon -**
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- ▷ **A thick cloud.**
- ▷ **The voice of the trumpet.**
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Heb. 12:18-21 - For **ye are not come** unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:

20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:

Heb. 12:22-29 - But **ye are come** unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

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Heb. 12:21 "And so terrible was the sight, that **Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:**")"

Heb. 12:24-29 "And to **Jesus the mediator of the new covenant,** and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

²⁵ See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

²⁶ Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

²⁷ And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

²⁸ Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

²⁹ For our God is a consuming fire."

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- The attention is on the dreadfulness of the place.
- It was an unapproachable place.
- The message is: do not come near.
- Even Moses was exceedingly fearful at the sight.

- The attention is on those who are associated with the place rather than the dreadfulness of the place.
- The place is approachable through Jesus, the mediator of the New Covenant.
- Our standing is guaranteed by the blood of Jesus Christ.
- We are part of a kingdom which cannot be shaken or moved.
- The revelation of God's purity should produce godly fear and reverence in us to serve Him faithfully.
- Our God is a consuming fire – Even when we can approach His presence, we should be reminded of His purity and holiness.

- ▶ **What is the purpose of God's revelation to Moses the third time?**
- ▶ **The Revelation of His Person** - What He Displayed
 - **Commission** (call of Moses)
- ▶ **The Revelation of His Principle**- What He Demands
 - **Covenant** (Children of Israel to keep the covenant)
- ▶ **The Revelation of His Purity**- What He Dictates
 - **Commandment** (sanctification and separation-features of the law)
- ▶ **The Revelation of His Pattern**- What He Desires
 - **Communion** (Manifestation of God's presence in the Tabernacle)
- ▶ **The Revelation of His Pleasure**- What He Deserves
 - **Consecration** (Offerings)

- ▶ **What is the purpose of God's revelation to Moses the third time?**
- ▶ What God dictated through Sanctification and Separation was what He expected of the people by keeping the commandments that He was going to give them in the third encounter with Moses.
- ▶ What God displayed through His glory, together with the features of the next encounter in Exo. 24, was an expression of God's presence in the Sanctuary.