

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS GIVEN AT MT. SINAI

Exodus 19

In the third month after the Israelites had been freed from their slavery in the land of Egypt, they completed their journey to Mt. Sinai. Locate this mountain on a map and notice the awesome events which took place there:

A. The People's Agreement with God: Read Exodus 19:1-9

1. What did God tell His people He wanted them to do? Exodus 19:5a

2. What did God promise He would make of them if they would do this? Exodus 19:5b, 6a

3. What was the people's reply to God's offer? Exodus 19:8

B. The People Prepared to Receive the Commandments:

Read Exodus 19:10-20

1. Notice that God did not give His commandments in an ordinary way, as just another step in the regular routine of the people's life. Instead, He required them to make extensive preparation for receiving them. What two things were they to do?
 - a. Exodus 19:10 _____
 - b. Exodus 19:12 _____
2. What would this show about the people as compared with God? (*THINK!*)

3. Notice that God also did several things Himself in the world of nature before He gave the commandments. List what the people saw and heard:
 - a. Exodus 19:16a _____
 - b. Exodus 19:18a _____
 - c. Exodus 19:18b _____
 - d. Exodus 19:19a _____
4. What would these signs make the people realize about God? (*THINK!*)

C. God's Method of Giving the Commandments:

1. In what form was God going to come down? Exodus 19:9

2. Who would be able to see Him? Exodus 19:11

3. How was God going to give His commandments to the people? Exodus 19:9, 19, 20:1

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D. The Ten Commandments Given:

1. What six words did God use in introducing the Ten Commandments? Exodus 20:2

2. Pretend that you are at Mt. Sinai, seeing all that took place there, and hearing the voice of God speaking from the top of the mountain. Then read the Ten Commandments as they were given then, from Exodus 20:1-17.

E. The People's Reaction: Read Exodus 20:18-21

1. How did the people feel when they saw God's wonders? Exodus 19:16b, 20:18

2. What were they afraid might happen to them if God continued speaking with them? Exodus 20:19

3. For what two reasons did God want them to feel this way? Exodus 20:20b
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
4. How long would you think the people would remember what they saw and heard that day?

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Do I fully realize the tremendous power and absolute holiness of God?

2. Do I have a fear of God which keeps me from consciously sinning?
