

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
JANUARY 15, 2025
EXODUS 19:1-9

INTRODUCTION:

1. Exodus 19 begins a new stage in the development of Israel as the people of God. (Ex. 19.5,6)
2. The dramatic appearance and interaction with Israel carried two purposes.
 - a) God wanted Israel to listen to Moses and His spokesman. (Ex. 19.9)
 - b) God wanted Israel to be afraid of God. (E. 20.20)
3. **EXODUS 19.1,2:** The time and location of this event.
 - a) **EXODUS 19.1:** It was exactly two months from the time they left Egypt till Sinai. (cf. Ex. 33.1-4)
 - b) **EXODUS 19.2:** *“For they had departed from Rephidim...”* (cf. Ex. 16.1; 17.1)

I. A PROPOSAL IS OFFERED

- A. God speaks to Moses on Mount Sinai.
 1. **EXODUS 19.3:** *“And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain”*
 2. Who spoke to Moses and then later to Israel?
 - a) God spoke directly to Moses from heaven. (Ex. 19.9,19; 20.1,19,22)
 - b) They saw no form but heard only His voice. (Deut. 4.12,15)
 - c) Yet it was not God, but His representative. (Acts 7.38; Heb. 2.1,2; Gal. 3.19)
- B. The proposal that God offered to Israel.
 1. Credentials: God reminds them of what they saw.
 - a) Punishment. **EXODUS 19.4:** *“You have seen what I did to the Egyptians”* (cf. Deut. 4.32-36,39)
 - b) Deliverance. **EXODUS 19.4:** *“how I bore you on eagles’ wings...”* (cf. Deut. 32.11,12)
 - c) The same powerful God offers salvation to all of humanity. (1 Thess. 1.5; Eph. 1.17-20)
 2. Conditions: God’s covenant was conditioned on obedience.
 - a) **EXODUS 19.5:** *“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant”*
 - b) Our relationship with God is conditioned on obedience. (1 John 2.3; Heb. 5.9)
 3. Chosen: God would choose Israel to be His people.
 - a) **EXODUS 19.5,6:** *“then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people”*
 - b) Why did God choose Israel? Because *“all the earth is Mine”* (Deut. 4.7-9; 7.6-8; 9.4-6; 10.14,15)
 - c) Faithful Christians are chosen by God to be His special people. (1 Pet. 2.9)

II. A PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTED

- A. Moses speaks to the children of Israel.
 1. **EXODUS 19.7:** *“So Moses... laid before them all these words which the LORD commanded him.”*
 2. Serving God and being His people is a choice.
 - a) No one is ever forced to serve God. (Josh. 24.15; Deut. 30.19; Isa. 56.4-7)
 - b) Israel often made the wrong choice. (Ezek. 33.11; cf. Acts 13.46; 2 Cor. 5.20,21)
- B. Israel accepted the proposal.
 1. It was a unanimous decision. **EXODUS 19.8:** *“Then all the people answered together.”*
 2. It was an inclusive decision. **EXODUS 19.8:** *“All that the LORD has spoken we will do.”*
 - a) Were any of God’s commands optional? (Deut. 5.32,33; 27.26; James 1.10-12)
 - b) Yet God anticipated Israel’s rebellion. (Ex. 24.3,7; Deut. 5.27-29).

III. THE COVENANT WAS DELIVERED THROUGH MEDIATION

- A. Moses was the chosen spokesman for God.
 1. **EXODUS 19.9:** *“Behold, I come to you in the thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever.”* Through a powerful display of God’s presence, God testified of Moses.
 2. Moses had a special relationship with God as the mediator to His people.
 - a) God spoke to Moses face to face. (Ex. 33.11; Num. 12.6-8)
 - b) How can God speak to Moses directly, yet no one has seen His face? (1 Tim. 6.16)
- B. Jesus is the chosen spokesman for God today.
 1. God testified of Jesus through *“miracles, wonders, and signs”* (Acts 2.22; John 20.30,31)
 2. As the Son of God, Jesus is His spokesman. (Heb. 1.1-3; 2.3)
 3. Jesus has seen the face of God. (John 1.18; 6.46)
 4. Therefore, we are to listen to Jesus. (Matt. 17.5)