

# Exodus: The Mountain of God

## [Exodus 19:1–25](#)

At Sinai, we see two paradoxical characteristics of God on display: his transcendence as a holy, terrifying power whose very presence will destroy those who come too close; and his immanence as a relational God who descends to draw near to his people. The scene foreshadows Jesus, the fullness of Yahweh wrapped in flesh—Immanuel, God with us.

## Application

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1. In a relationship with a personal God, love equals allegiance and obedience. Based on this truth, what do your actions show about your relationship with God? What might you need to repent of to enjoy unhindered fellowship with him?
2. Consider that God set boundaries around Sinai to *protect* his people. Are there protective boundaries God has placed in your life? How do you respond to them?

## Key Points

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- God saved the Israelites from slavery when they could not save themselves. Similarly, Jesus saves us from our sin, not because we've done anything to earn salvation, but because he loved us first.
- When we feel entitled and frustrated, it often reveals an ungrateful heart that has forgotten what God did to save us.
- God has made us into a holy nation—a Kingdom of priests—to show the world who he is and to draw others into relationship with him.
- Jesus became a man so that he could get close to us—so close that his holy presence, rather than destroying us, would destroy our sin and purify us.

## Other Scripture References

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[1 John 4:10](#)

[1 Peter 2:9](#)

[Genesis 15:17](#)

[Exodus 13:21–22](#)

[Exodus 40:34](#)

[1 Kings 8:10–11](#)

[John 1:14](#)

[Acts 2:1–4](#)

[Revelation 21:23](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:50–53](#)

[Mark 1:40–42](#)

[Exodus 34:6](#)