

GOD SPOKE FROM THE MOUNTAIN

Exodus 19:1-25.

LESSON 33 – Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: “The Lord is my helper” (Hebrews 13:6).

BIBLE TEXT

Exodus 19:1-25

1 In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.

2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.

3 And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

7 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.

8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.

10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, 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.

12 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.

14 And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.

15 And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at your wives.

16 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.

17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

18 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.

19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

20 And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish.

22 And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.

23 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.

24 And the LORD said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the

people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon them.

25 So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them.

NOTES

Our Kind God

Moses and his people had been on the march for about three months and God had taken very good care of them all the time. To guide them and perhaps protect them God gave them a cloud by day. At night He led them with a light. When there was no water He even made it come out of a rock. If the water was not good where they were camping, He told them how to make it good. He gave them manna from Heaven, and they were never hungry. He made their clothes last a long time. He kept them strong and well to travel. But even though God was so very kind to them, they often complained. When they were sorry and asked God to forgive them, God forgave them and went on helping them as a kind father helps his children. But God is the kindest of all fathers, and we should be thankful to Him and love Him always.

God -- The Teacher

The time came when the people should go to God's school and learn what He wanted them to do, and how to worship Him in the right way. God told Moses, and Moses told the people. Moses loved and obeyed God and God often talked to him.

They reached a good place to camp, and here was a mountain that God had chosen to come down upon when He spoke to the people. God called Moses up into the mountain, and told Moses that if the people would obey Him He would give them many good things, and make them happy. When Moses told the people what God had said, they answered: "All that the LORD had spoken we will do." But they soon forgot their promise. Sometimes people make promises to God when they are sick or are in need of God's help; and when God heals them and helps them, they forget the promises they made to Him.

Clean People

God wants people to have clean hearts, and He told Moses to tell the people to make themselves clean for the third day when He would talk to them through Moses.

God said that He would come down to the mountain, but that the people must not try to come up to see Him. They must not even touch the mountain. Not even the cattle were to be permitted to touch the mountain. It had become a marvellous place because God was there. Moses knew what to tell the people to do to make themselves clean.

Our Wonderful God

On the day set by God there was thunder and lightning from the mountain, and the mountain shook. God came down to the top of the mountain. He called Moses up to Him. Moses would never have dared to go up there if God had not told him to come.

God knew what the people would likely do, so He warned them not to come near the mountain; if they touched the mountain they would surely die. God told Moses and Aaron what He wanted them to teach the people; and what they learned then is a help to us today. He taught them to fear God, obey Him, love Him, and trust Him. When they did as God told them to do, they were happy. When we do what God tells us to do, we too are happy and we may look forward to being with God in Heaven forever.

QUESTIONS

1. How did Moses keep the people from getting too near the mountain? Exodus 19:12.
2. What would have happened if anyone had touched the mountain? Exodus 19:12.
3. How did the people prepare for the day that the Lord would talk to them? Exodus 19:14.
4. What happened to the mountain when the Lord came down? Exodus 19:18.
5. Whom did the Lord call up into the mountain? Exodus 19:20, 24.

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I Love His Appearing

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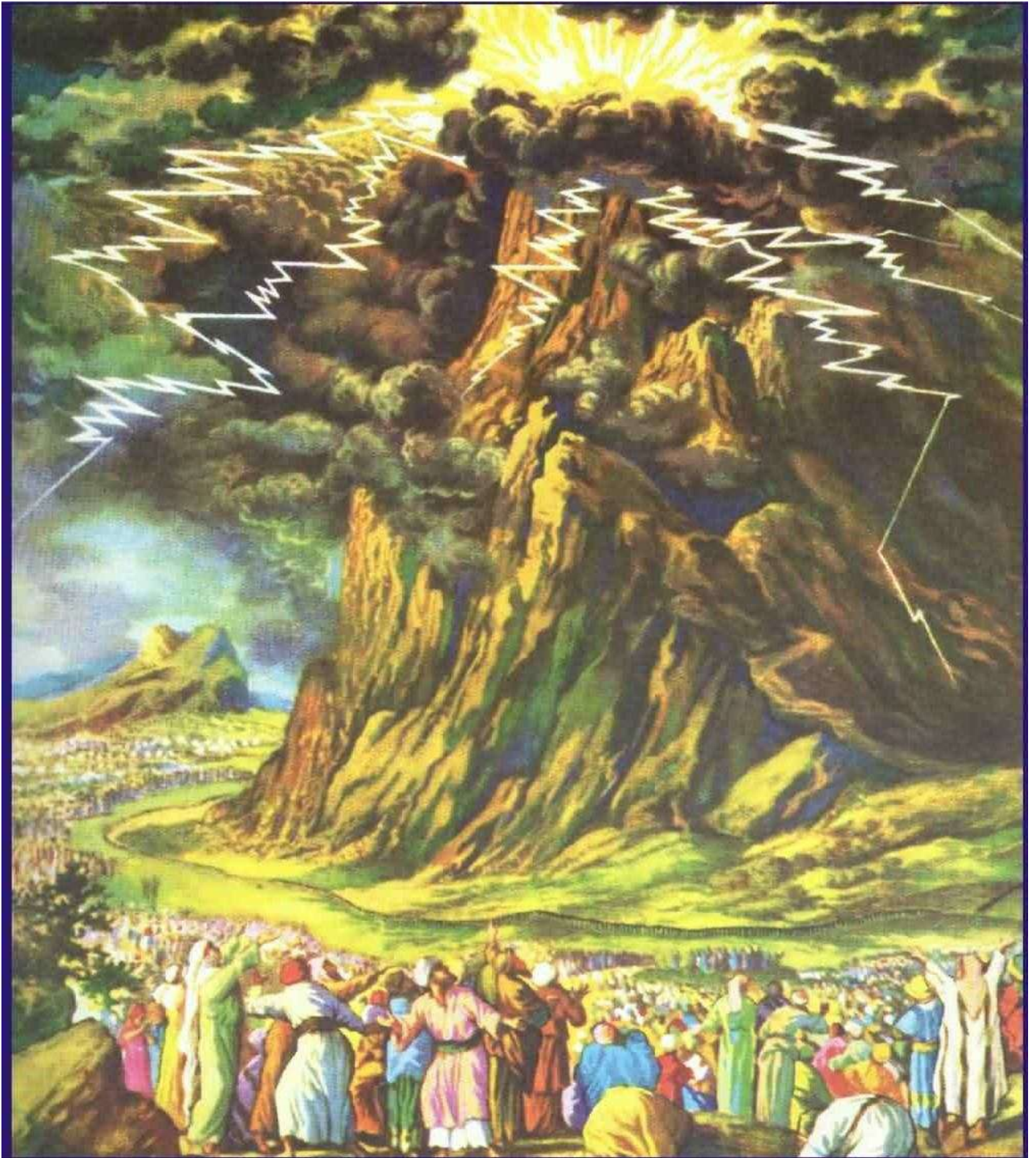
I love His appearing don't you?

I love His appearing don't you?

He's coming some day to take me away;

I love His appearing, don't you?

PICTURE 1



PICTURE 2

