

**CRUCIAL ASPECTS OF GOD'S ECONOMY  
PORTRAYED IN EXODUS (3)—REVELATION**

Message Two

**Brought into the Presence of God  
and into the Knowledge of Him**

Scripture Reading: Exo. 19:1-6, 10-11, 16-20; 24:1-2, 9-18; 25:8-9

**I. If we would enter into fellowship with God, we need to experience His full salvation:**

- A. We need to be saved from the condemnation of sin, the world, and Satan, as seen in chapters one through fourteen.
- B. Then we need to enjoy God's rich provision (15:1-17:7), conquer the flesh (17:8-16), and be brought into the kingdom of God (18:1-27).
- C. If we do not have such an experience and enjoyment, we shall not be able to have fellowship with God.

**II. The children of Israel were brought into the presence of God at Mount Sinai (19:11); the significance of Mount Sinai is that it is the place for God to speak:**

- A. With God's speaking, there is also the heavenly vision; therefore, the spiritual significance of the mountain of God is that it is the place of God's speaking with God's vision:
  1. We are brought into the presence of God through sanctification, that is, by being separated from the world unto God—v. 10.
  2. If we would be brought into the presence of God, we must be in resurrection; this means that the old has passed away and that we are altogether in a new position and situation—v. 11.
  3. When we are brought into the presence of God, we hear the speaking of God—v. 9.
- B. According to the record in the Bible, God often spoke from a mountain:
  1. The constitution of the kingdom of the heavens was decreed while the Lord Jesus was on a mountain with His disciples—Matt. 5:1.
  2. God the Father spoke to the disciples while they were on a mountain seeing the vision of the transfigured Christ—Matt. 17:1-2, 5.
  3. The prophecy concerning the end of this age was given on a mountain—Matt. 24:3.
  4. For God's New Testament economy, the disciples needed to come to "the mountain where Jesus directed them"—Matt. 28:16.
  5. John was carried away "in spirit onto a great and high mountain" to see the vision of the New Jerusalem—Rev. 21:10.
- C. The mountain of God is the place where God's seekers meet with God and with one another, where they serve God, and where they receive God's revelation and vision—Exo. 24:13,15-18; 1 Kings 19:8; Exo.4:27; 18:5; 3:12; 24:12-13; 1 Kings 19:8-9.
- D. The mountain of God is the place where God's people can be infused with His substance—Exo. 24:17-18; 34:29; 2 Cor. 3:18; Matt. 13:43a.
- E. It is of vital importance that we come to the genuine mountain of God on earth today—Heb. 12:22a.

**III. Whenever we are brought into the presence of God and enter into fellowship with God, we are spontaneously brought into the knowledge of God:**

- A. In the fellowship of God we first come to know the grace of God; in Exodus 19:4 the Lord said, “You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself”—this is grace.
- B. In the fellowship with the Lord we also begin to know the holiness of God; Exodus 19 shows the seriousness of honoring God's holiness; we must sanctify ourselves because God Himself is holy, and the place where He dwells is a holy place—vv. 10-24.
- C. In fellowship with God we become God's personal possession and peculiar treasure—Exo. 19:5.
- D. In fellowship with the Lord the children of Israel were to be unto the Lord a kingdom of priests; as we stay in the Lord's presence, we become a kingdom of priests to Him—v. 6.
- E. Eventually, the mutual enjoyment between God and His people separates them unto Himself and they become a holy nation—v.6.

**Focus:**

*The burden of this message is our being brought into the presence of God. God desires to be with His people, to dwell with them. He “bore them on eagle's wings and brought them to Himself.” Once we are brought into the presence of God we are also brought into the knowledge of Him. He wants us to know what kind of God He is.*