

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

Message Nine

**God's Desire and Intention to Infuse His People
with Himself**

Scripture Reading: Exo. 3:1-3; 24:1, 9, 12-13, 18; 19:3-6, 8, 11-12, 16-18, 20-25; 20:20; 34:28-29; 2
Cor. 3:18; Phil. 2:15-16; Eph. 5:8

I. Mount Horeb, where the law was given, has a twofold significance:

- A. Mount Horeb is the mountain of God and the place for God's people to meet with one another; it is also the place for God's seekers to meet with God, to serve God, and to receive God's revelation and vision—Exo. 3:1-3, 12; 4:27; 18:5; 24:12-13; Num. 10:33; 1 Kings 19:8-9.
- B. Mount Horeb may also be Mount Sinai; at Mount Sinai the sinfulness of God's people is exposed, and there is revealed the boundary which God has forbidden them to cross—Exo. 19:11, 18, 20-24; 34:2-4; Gal. 4:24-25; Heb. 12:18-21.

II. In Exodus we see at least three different classes of people who stood at different distances in relation to Mount Horeb—Exo. 19:12, 17, 20, 22-25:

- A. Moses, perhaps accompanied by Joshua, was on the mountaintop being infused with God—Exo. 24:13; 34:29.
- B. Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the seventy elders were on the mountain worshipping afar off and watching—24:1, 9.
- C. The children of Israel were at the bottom of the mountain standing afar off and trembling—20:18, 21.
- D. Moses was being infused, others were at a distance worshipping and watching, and the majority were at the bottom of the mountain trembling; where you are depends on your standing and on your condition.
- E. To Moses and possibly to Joshua as well, the decree of the law was a wonderful experience; but to those at the bottom of the mountain, it was very frightening—v. 21.

III. In bringing the people to the mountain of God, it was not God's intention to give them commandments to keep; rather, God's intention in bringing the children of Israel out of Egypt was to lead them to His mountain so that He could infuse them with Himself—Exo. 19:3-6; 34:29:

- A. When the children of Israel heard the words God spoke to Moses, they answered, "All that Jehovah has spoken we will do"; this indicates that the people did not have a heart for God and that they did not know Him—Exo. 19:8.
- B. Because the people knew neither God nor themselves, God changed His attitude toward them and also caused a change in the atmosphere; how dreadful and terrifying the atmosphere became—Exo. 19:16.
- C. It was not God's original intention to create such a terrifying atmosphere, but only Moses knew what God's intention was—20:20:
 - 1. He realized that it was not God's intention to have thunder, darkness, lightning, and the terrifying blast of a trumpet; among all the children of Israel, Moses was the only one who knew the desire of God's heart—Exo. 19:16.

2. God was happy simply to have one of His people stay with Him; Moses stayed on the mountain with God for forty days without eating, drinking, or sleeping—24:18; 34:28.
 3. There was no indication that any kind of business was transacted between him and God; the only thing that happened was that Moses received a divine transfusion; God's very element was infused into him—v. 29.
 4. God knows how difficult it is for us to stay in His presence without doing anything; in sympathy with our weakness, He may tell us to do certain things; but it is not His intention to require us to do things; it is to keep us with Him that we may be infused with Him.
- D. The highest profession on earth is to spend time being infused with God that we may shine forth God; if we would shine forth God, we need to spend time with Him, not to do something but to have Him transfused into our being—v. 29.
- E. When the people heard those words, they should have bowed down and confessed, "O God, we cannot make ourselves a treasure for You. We are not precious. There is no way for us to become Your personal treasure":
1. If this had been their attitude, God would have said, "I will make you a personal treasure to Me. Stay with Me, and I will infuse you with what I am; eventually, you all will become precious in My sight"—2 Cor. 3:18.
 2. Imagine what the situation would have been like if all two million Israelites had been infused with God and had begun to shine forth God; their glory might have been like the glory of the New Jerusalem—Phil. 2:15-16; Eph. 5:8.
- F. Whenever you find that the Bible tells you to do a certain thing, do not say, "Lord, I'll do this. I just ask You to help me do it"; instead, tell Him that you love Him, but that you are not able to fulfill His requirements.

Focus:

The burden of this last message is to help the young people realize that they need to spend time in the Lord's presence to be infused with Him in order to live the life of a God-man. We are always burdened that the young people would realize that God's intention and desire is for man to spend time being infused with Him. The result is they would shine forth God to those around them.