

God Speaks in the Hearing of the People

Ex 19⁹ The LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I come to you in the thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever." ... 20¹ And God spoke all these words, saying: ²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." ... [The Ten Words] ... ¹⁸ Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off. ¹⁹ Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die." ²⁰ And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin."

► **Several important** things regarding the ten words that we typically _____ altogether:

► **1) God spoke** the ten words _____
so the people could hear him (Ex 19.9).

► **2) God's voice** sounded like _____.

Ex 19¹⁶ Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings [Hb., *qolot* – voices] and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who *were* in the camp trembled ... ¹⁹ And when the blast of the trumpet sound long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice [Hb., *qol* – voice].

Heb 12¹⁸ ... the mountain ... that burned with fire, ... [with] darkness and tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore

Jn 12²⁸ "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."
²⁹ Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake."

► **3) It was** for the people's _____ that they heard God speaking like thunder to Moses (Ex 19.9; cf. Jn 12.30).

► **Why did** the people also have to believe in Moses? Because God was preaching the _____ to his people, and Moses was a type, a living picture, of Christ, who had to be a _____ to save us.

1Tm 2⁵ For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the man, Christ Jesus.

Hb 7²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them

See Ex 20.18-19.

► **A second** reason God wants the people to hear him speaking the ten words to Moses is to replace ungodly _____ with godly _____ (Ex 20.20).

• The first kind of fear leads to _____; the second kind of fear leads away from _____. The only way to overcome the ungodly fear is by the fear of the _____.

• How does ungodly fear manifest itself? Principally as fear of _____ circumstances and _____ things happening.

• The fear of the LORD overcomes ungodly fear because he is the _____ of all things, _____ over all things, and he works all things for the _____ of his people.

Rm 8²⁸ And we know that all thing work together for good to those who love God, the those who are the called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son

Ps 118⁶ The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? [Quoted in Hb 13.6]

Pr 29²⁵ The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.

Isa 41¹⁰ "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

See Ex 20.2.

► **Why is** all this ancient stuff at Mt Sinai relevant to us today?

Because the NT teaches us that Jesus is now doing what he did at Sinai on a _____ scale. It is vital for us to _____ history, including current events, in that light.

Heb 12 ¹⁸ For you have not come to the mountain [1] that may be touched and [2] that burned with fire, and [3] to blackness and [4] darkness and [5] tempest, ¹⁹ and [6] the sound of a trumpet and [7] the voice of words, so that [8] those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore ... ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to [1] the city of the living God, [2] the heavenly Jerusalem, [3] to an innumerable company of angels, ²³ [4] to the general assembly and church of the first-born who are registered in heaven, [5] to God the Judge of all, [6] to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴ [7] to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and [8] to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. ²⁵ See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, ²⁶ whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." ²⁷ Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. ²⁹ For our God is a consuming fire.

● Jesus does not shake the world because he loves _____ with people; he does it because he loves _____ people. It is necessary for people to see that the things they are trusting in cannot _____ them from the storms of life, nor from judgment on the last day.

● What do we do? We _____ God with reverence and godly fear (vs 28).

Rm 12 ¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.