

March Theme: The Kingdom Ordered (March 8, 2026)

Message Title: The King Dwelling With His People - Sinai and the Presence

Primary Texts: Exodus 19–20; Exodus 25:8 (KJV)

Introduction: The God Who Comes Down

At Book of Exodus 19:4 (KJV), the LORD declares:

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

Deliverance was never the destination. The destination was **Himself**.

And in Book of Exodus 25:8 (KJV), the divine intention becomes unmistakable:

“And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.”

The Kingdom is not merely rescued slaves wandering in freedom. The Kingdom is an **ordered people under the rule and presence of their King**.

At Sinai, God descends in fire, cloud, thunder, and voice. He reveals:

- **Who** He is - “I am the LORD thy God” (Exod 20:2)
- **What** He requires - holy order
- **Why** He saves - covenant fellowship
- **How** He dwells - through consecrated worship
- **Where** He meets - in His appointed place
- **When** He speaks - in covenant assembly

Sinai answers the deepest human question:

Not merely *How do I escape bondage?* but *How do I live in the Presence of the King?*

POINT I - PROXIMITY: A PEOPLE CALLED NEAR

Exodus 19:3–6 “Ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.”

Before law was given, identity was declared.

1. The Invitation to Intimacy

God did not say, “Come to a mountain.” He said, “Come unto Me.”

The purpose of deliverance was proximity. Salvation is relational before it is regulatory.

Jesus Christ echoes Sinai in Gospel of John 1:14: “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...”

The Greek term *dwelt* means “**tabernacled**.” Sinai anticipated Incarnation. The fire on the mountain becomes flesh in Christ.

As Kathryn Kuhlman often emphasized: “God is not looking for golden vessels, but yielded vessels.”

Proximity requires surrender.

2. The Preparation for Presence

Exodus 19:10–11 “Sanctify them today and tomorrow.”

Before God descended, the people were consecrated.

Presence without preparation produces panic. Order precedes glory.

Jesus teaches the same principle in Gospel of Matthew 5:8:

“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.” Purity is the pathway to proximity.

POINT II - PRINCIPLES: A PEOPLE GOVERNED BY HIS WORD

(Exodus 20:1–17) “And God spake all these words...”

The Kingdom Ordered means: Deliverance must be structured by divine instruction.

1. Commandments as Covenant Framework

The Ten Words were not chains - they were covenant contours.

The **first four** govern vertical relationship. The **remaining six** govern horizontal relationship.

Love God.

Love neighbor.

Jesus affirms this in Gospel of Matthew 22:37–40 all the Law hangs on these two commandments.

Sinai is not legalism. Sinai is love ordered rightly.

2. Fear That Forms Reverence

Exodus 20:20: “God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.” Holy fear guards holy fellowship.

Smith Wigglesworth declared:

“There is something about believing God that will cause Him to pass over a million people just to get to you.”

Obedience positions us in divine favor.

Law without presence becomes religion.

Presence without law becomes chaos.

But presence and principle together produce Kingdom order.

POINT III - PRESENCE: A PEOPLE MARKED BY HIS GLORY

(Exodus 25:8) “That I may dwell among them.”

God does not remain on the mountain. He moves toward the camp.

1. The Pattern of the Sanctuary

Exodus 25:9 - "According to all that I shew thee..." God is precise about how He is approached.

The Tabernacle reveals order:

- Outer Court - sacrifice
- Holy Place - illumination and intercession
- Most Holy Place - glory

Approach moves from **sacrifice** to **communion** to **glory**.

Jesus fulfills this pattern in Epistle to the Hebrews 10:19–22:

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus..."

Sinai points forward to Calvary. The **Tabernacle** foreshadows the Cross.

2. The Presence Personified

Ultimately, the dwelling of God is not a tent. It is Christ.

And through Christ, the Church becomes the sanctuary.

First Epistle to the Corinthians 3:16: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God...?"

Myles Munroe taught: "The Kingdom is not a religion; it is the governing influence of a King over His territory."

When the King dwells within, order governs within.

And one day the promise culminates in Book of Revelation 21:3: "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them."

Sinai begins what Revelation completes.

CONCLUSION: THE ORDER OF HIS ABIDING

The Kingdom Ordered is this:

- A **called people**
- A **commanded people**
- A **consecrated people**

God did not merely rescue Israel from Pharaoh. **He restored them to fellowship.**

The same King who descended on Sinai now dwells by His Spirit.

The question is not whether God desires to dwell.
He has declared it.

The question is whether we are ordered to host Him.

7 PRAYER POINTS WITH SCRIPTURE

1. **Prayer for Consecrated Hearts**

Psalm 51:10 "Create in me a clean heart, O God..."

2. **Prayer for Reverent Fear**

Proverbs 9:10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom..."

3. **Prayer for Obedient Living**

John 14:15 "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

4. **Prayer for Awareness of His Indwelling Presence**

1 Corinthians 6:19 "Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost..."

5. **Prayer for Kingdom Order in Our Homes and Church**

1 Corinthians 14:40 "Let all things be done decently and in order."

6. **Prayer for Deeper Communion**

James 4:8 "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you."

7. **Prayer for Manifest Glory Among Us**

Exodus 33:18 "I beseech thee, shew me thy glory."

FINAL EXHORTATION

The fire on Sinai has not gone out.

The King still desires a dwelling place.

He is not seeking buildings first.

He is seeking ordered hearts.

Let us become the sanctuary.

Let us host His Presence.

Let the King dwell among His people.