

Let's talk about getting prepared.

Have we truly met God, the One who saved us out of his mercy:

not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, (Titus 3:5 NKJV)

And Grace :

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, (Titus 2:11 NKJV)

*Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes. "And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. "You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, 'Take heed to yourselves [that] you do [not] go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death. 'Not a hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot [with an arrow]; whether man or beast, he shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come near the mountain." So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes. And he said to the people, "Be ready for the third day; do not come near [your] wives." Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings 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. And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Now Mount Sinai [was] completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice. Then the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to gaze at the LORD, and many of them perish. "Also let the priests who come near the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them." But Moses said to the LORD, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai; for You warned us, saying, 'Set bounds around the mountain and consecrate it.' " Then the LORD said to him, "Away! Get down and then come up, you and Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest He break out against them." So Moses went down to the people and spoke to them. (Exodus 19:10-25 NKJV)*

Exodus 19 could be one of the most important chapters in the Bible.

Without a proper understanding; Exodus 20 (10 Commandments) will be inadequately understood.

***The importance of Exodus 19 is captured in the N.T.***

For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, 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. (For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow." And so terrifying was the sight [that] Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.") (Hebrews 12:18-21 NKJV)

Moses brings the people to God.

Pastor Paul Andris

The bible teaches that the human race is out of step with God.  
But in his mercy he began to build a way to reconcile man.  
The exodus is bringing people out of slavery to meet with God. We often miss or don't get the exodus.

***God said "Bring them out that they may worship Me"***

This means living our lives with God again, in right relationship with him.

***To Know God...actually know Him with faith is True freedom***

As they meet God, His True Character and Identity becomes clear  
There is a significance to this place.  
It is so significant that 1/3 of the Pentateuch takes place right here.  
If you're going to live around God you have to be cleansed (forgiven).

***It's all a matter of Obedience***

But let's pause...what proceeded the call to obedience...Grace.  
Grace is the starting point of our life with God.

***Exodus 19 teaches us 3 things we need to know and understand:***

**Divine judgment "what I did to Egypt"**

**Divine deliverance "how I carried you on eagles' wings"**

**Divine mediation "brought you to myself"**

***Obedience is our Response to Grace***

After God showed his grace in Egypt he says: ***"Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then..."***

How do we "obey God"? The 10 Commandments! (Next week)  
Here is what I want you to grab hold of today.

Jesus sums it all up in 2 Great Commands:

***Love God with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself***

Jesus' words before his ascension

***"Go and make disciples of all nations"***

Jesus said, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching"

It's all about that relationship

**Every relationship has responsibilities.**

**Responsibilities are always blessings, not burdens.**

It all starts with a response to the Gospel.