The Voice from the Fiery Mountain

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: and thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might" (Deuteronomy 6:4–5).

Our Creator wants to be with us.

Trace the letters of the verse.

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Exodus 19:1–25: God Speaks to Moses

Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, across the Red Sea, to the wilderness of Sinai—the place where he saw the burning bush. As the people camped at the base of the mountain, God spoke to them through Moses, asking, "Will you obey Me? If so, you will be special to Me—a holy nation."

The people said, "Yes, Lord, we will obey You." God then told the people that in three days He would speak to them directly from a thick cloud on the mountain. First, they needed to prepare their hearts for such a special occasion. God warned, "Don't come near or touch this holy mountain until you hear a trumpet. If you do, you might die."

On the third day, a trumpet blast filled the air. Fire, thunder, lightning, and a thick cloud of smoke covered the mountain. The people were both amazed and afraid at God's magnificence.

Moses and his brother, Aaron, climbed to the top of the mountain. God spoke to Moses, "I want to be with My people. I want to live with them, but they must follow My plan and live holy." Then God explained His law so Moses could share it with the people.

God gave Moses His specific plans. God described laws and instructions, showing how people should live. He gave the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20). He told them how to buy land, conduct business, and discipline lawbreakers. Each instruction would help the people become God's special treasure so He could live with them.

God later told Moses how to build the Tabernacle—a portable church (Exodus 25 and 26). God described every detail, including the Ark of the Covenant—a special box where God's Spirit would dwell. Our great Creator wanted to live among His people, but to be with Him, they needed to follow His plan and be a holy people.

After Moses shared God's plan, the people said, "All that the LORD hath spoken we will do." God showed us His plan because He is our friend and wants to be with us. We should follow His plan.

