

SERMON SERIES
EXODUS, PART 2:
“OUR GUIDE THROUGH THE WILDERNESS”
“THE LORD: HOLY & HIDDEN”
Exodus 19:7-25
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I. The LORD is holy, and we must be too. (vv. 7-15, 24)

“Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud ... may hear when I speak with you”

“let them wash their garments”

“set limits for the people” “shall be put to death ... shall be stoned or shot”

“break through” → “the LORD break out against them.”

“do not go near a woman”

Leviticus 15:16-18, 32

Deuteronomy 4:11-12

II. The LORD is hidden for our protection. (vv. 9, 16-25)

“I am coming to you in a thick cloud”: God cannot be seen due to the cloud.

1 Kings 8:10-11 → Psalms 97:2 → Isaiah 6:4 → Matthew 17:5

“there were thunders and lightnings” “the trumpet blast”

“Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke... descended in fire ... like the smoke of a kiln”

“the whole mountain trembled greatly”

“lest ... many of them perish”

“all the people in the camp trembled”

Genesis 19:28

Deuteronomy 5:22

2 Samuel 6:8

Isaiah 45:15

“Notice that God would have to come down to do this. God is not like the pagan gods who lived on Mount Olympus. He did not dwell on Sinai; he only came down for a visit.”

-Philip Ryken

“At the same time that God was revealing himself, he was also concealing himself.”

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III. Christ has removed the fear of God’s presence. (Hebrews 12:18-29)

Mount Sinai	Mount Zion
<i>“What may be touched”</i>	<i>“the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem”</i>
<i>“a blazing fire”</i>	<i>“innumerable angels in festal gathering”</i>
<i>“darkness”</i>	<i>“the assembly of the first-born”</i>
<i>“gloom”</i>	<i>“a judge who is God of all”</i>
<i>“a tempest”</i>	<i>“the spirits of just men made perfect”</i>
<i>“the sound of a trumpet”</i>	<i>“Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant”</i>
<i>“a voice”</i>	<i>“the sprinkled blood, which says”</i>
Terrifying, couldn’t bear to listen	Joyful assembly listening to the Good News!