

Approaching God

Exodus 19

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The Main Theme: God is calling us to come to Him, but we must take His call seriously.

1. Approaching God requires remembering His grace.

See Exodus 19:4-6.

. . . While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8b (New International Version)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession . . . Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. 1 Peter 2:9a, 10a (NIV)

2. Approaching God requires preparing ourselves.

See Exodus 19:10, 15.

The sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Romans 8:7 (NIV)

Wash your hands, you sinners and purify your hearts, you double-minded . . .

Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up.

James 4:8b, 10 (NIV)

3. Approaching God requires respecting His power.

See Exodus 19:12-13, 16-18.

. . . let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our “God is a consuming fire.” Hebrews 12:28b-29 (NIV)

4. Approaching God requires a mediator.

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 2:5 (NIV)