

Sermon Reflections

Mount Doom • Exodus 19:7–25

Summary: Move from dangerous familiarity to godly fear.

1. Don't Forget Your Mediator (vv. 7–9)

- Verse 9 describes God's purpose to establish Moses as the mediator between Israel and God. In what ways would Israel have been tempted to casually approach God such that they would think Moses unnecessary? Parallels between Moses and Jesus are clear as mediator for God's people. In what ways are we tempted to casually approach God apart from Jesus? What specifically makes you forget Jesus being our mediator? How can you guard against that?
- Related to forgetting our Mediator is temptation to "move on" from the Gospel. What does that look like? What contributes to that? How can we remind ourselves daily of the Gospel?

2. Don't Come Close with Your Sin (vv. 10–15)

- Verses 10–15 teach that God's people cannot approach Him in sinfulness. In your daily life, in what ways do you approach God in a sinful state? How can you change such patterns? Also, how do you prepare to approach God for corporate worship on Sunday? Is there anything different about approaching God on Sunday vs. living before Him on a day-to-day basis?
- Verse 12 discusses a physical boundary separating God from His people due to His holiness. What are applications for this teaching for believers today? Who establishes boundaries, if any? What do they look like? If boundaries aren't needed, what is different today from Israel?

3. Don't Overlook His Awesome Power (vv. 16–19)

- Why does God show Himself in such physical awesomeness to Israel in verse 16–19? Why doesn't He do that in exactly the same way for the church? How does He inspire awe in us today? Do we have responsibility to develop our awe for God? If so, how? If not, why not?
- Verses 16–19 show God's presence evoking fear. How does His presence today invoke fear in believers? What type(s) of fear must believers have today? What type(s) must they not have?

4. Don't Underestimate Your Waywardness (vv. 20–25)

- In verses 21–22 God issues warnings for the people not to transgress the boundary of God's holiness and needs to reinforce this warning even for Moses in verse 24. Why did Moses need this warning? As a spiritual leader in whatever role God has placed you (in the church body, in your home, etc.), where might you need to take stock where you underestimate God's people treating His holiness with casualness? As well, in your personal walk with God, in what ways are you tempted to take lightly both God's person and His work? How do you fight this?