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EXODUS 24:12-18



LESSON: GOD MEETS MOSES ALONE — October 4, 2020

INTRODUCTION:

Chapter 24:5-11 Moses sends some of the young men of the children of Israel to offer burnt offering and peace offerings of oxen unto the Lord. From the burnt offering and peace offerings, Moses takes half the blood from the slain oxen and puts it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. Then he read from the Book of the Covenant in the audience of the people and they all agreed to become a covenant by doing and being obedient to what the Lord had said. Thus after the reading of the covenant he takes another step to complete this: *"Moses took the blood and sprinkled it upon the people saying, 'Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words.'"* God had called for Moses Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel to come up to the mountain of the Lord. In verse 1, they were to stay at a distance. This time they had a spectacular view. It says they saw the God of Israel. But, not literally seeing God; it's seeing God's glory because there is nowhere in scripture anyone has seen God and lived, not even Moses. They even see this beauty of a sapphire stone under God's feet, a paved work, as if it were a clear view of the body of heaven. After God called them up, and they saw the measure of what God wanted them to see, He still did not destroy them, but, I really don't know how anyone could eat and drink after seeing the God of Israel appear to them. They ate and drank (had to be when they came down the mountain).

LESSON: I. MOSES' SUMMONS EXODUS 24:12-13

24:12 **And the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.** After the Covenant ceremony. And them seeing God and live, and their eating and drinking had taken place, God summons Moses to come up into the mountain, and be there (stay, remain, wait). This is where God will meet with him and etch His Words; write His law, and commandments on tables of stone. God already knows, and Moses has to come to the realization that he will be the one to teach them.

24:13 **And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.** Now, Moses rises up along with his minister Joshua. I assume that Joshua will be at a distance nearby, while Moses was the only one to go up into the mount of God at this time.

II. MOSES' INSTRUCTIONS EXODUS 24:14

24:14 **And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.** So, before going up into the mountain, Moses made preparations for his time away from them. Moses tells the 70 elders to tarry (meaning wait right there) until we (he and Joshua) return to you. If anyone has a matter that needs taken care of while Moses is gone, Aaron and Hur will be there for the people, and they shouldn't worry.

III. MOSES' DISAPPEARANCE EXODUS 24:15-18

24:15 **And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.** As Moses goes up into the mount of God, he seems to disappear for a cloud covers the whole mount.

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24:16 And the glory of the Lord abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. It was such a presence going on upon that mountain that they couldn't believe their eyes, let alone be at peace. All that could be seen was *"the glory of the Lord abiding there upon Mount Sinai."* He was in the cloud like He has always been, but much different! This time Moses had gone up into the cloud that covered that mountain. And *"for six days the cloud covering; the glory covering the mountain* was really thick. Just as Moses had prepared the elders for his time away from them, God was in the midst of the Shekinah glory teaching and preparing Moses; being intimate, and setting him apart for more as God's leader. And then *"on the seventh day God called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud."*

24:17 And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. This was similar to the burning bush of what Moses had seen on that very mountain and the bush was not consumed. It was holy ground where he had to pull off his shoes. A time for more stripping of self. So, the children of Israel could see something like a devouring fire on top of the mountain, but it was not consumed!

24:18 And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights. All the people could see was that Moses was going up; climbing up into the mountain and disappearing into the midst (depth) of the cloud. He remained there on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights. They could no longer see Moses.

SUMMARY:

The Lord summons Moses to come up into the mount of God, so He can give Moses the tables of stone in which God has written the law, and commandments. Moses will have to teach all that God had written down to the people. Now, Moses rises up along with his minister Joshua. I assume that Joshua will be at a distance nearby, while Moses was the only one to go up into the mount of God at this time (24:12-13).

But, before going up into the mountain, Moses made preparations for his time away from them the people. Moses instructs the 70 elders to tarry (meaning wait right there) until he and Joshua return. If anyone has a matter that needs to be taken care of while they are gone, Aaron and Hur will be there for the people, and that they shouldn't worry (24:12-14).

Moses now goes up into the mount of God and a cloud covers the whole mount. It was so thick as God's presence hovered upon that mountain, that all they could see was *"the glory of the Lord abiding there upon Mount Sinai."* And for six days *"the cloud covered; the glory covered the mountain, but on the seventh day God called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud."* What the eyes of the children of Israel could see was that it seemed like the mountain was on fire; a devouring fire on the top of the mount! All the people could see was that Moses was going up; climbing up into the mountain and disappearing into the midst (depth) of the cloud. He remained there on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights. They could no longer see Moses (24:15-18).

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