

EXPECTING TO ENCOUNTER GOD

THE WAY | A Journey Through Exodus
PART TWO | The Way IN
Exodus 19

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Key Question:

We prepare for everything else in our lives, but are we preparing for encounters with God?

- Do I EXPECT that God is present in my life?
- Do I EXPECT to be able to hear His voice?
- Do I PREPARE myself for moment-by-moment encounters with God? What should these look like?

CLEAR OUTLINE OF EXODUS

Part 1: Domination by Egypt (Ch. 1-12)

Part 2: Liberation from Egypt (Ch. 13 - 18)

Part 3: Revelation after Egypt (Ch. 19 - 40)

EXODUS 19

REVERENT RESPECT OR COME AS YOU ARE?

"You have not come to a physical mountain, to a place of flaming fire, darkness, gloom, and whirlwind, as the Israelites did at Mount Sinai. ... No, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,...You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people..."

HEBREWS 12:18,22,24

"So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most."

HEBREWS 4:16

ENCOUNTERING GOD REQUIRES...

1. EXPECTATION

- Expectation = "a strong belief that something will happen."
- Do I expect to encounter God. On Sundays? Throughout the week?

“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

HEBREWS 11:6 ESV

- God is pleased when we expect Him to meet with us! When we expect an encounter!
- Encounters with God are the norm, not the exception! (John 10 - Jesus is our good shepherd? Do we know His voice? Can you discern the difference?)

WHERE WE CAN EXPECT AN ENCOUNTER

- **His Word**
Lord...
 - *Is there an example here for me to follow?*
 - *Is there a sin for me to confess?*
 - *Is there a truth for me to understand?*
 - *Is there a comfort for me to embrace?*
- **In Worship**
- **In Community**
- **In Solitude**
- **In transition, key decisions, and in need!**

ENCOUNTERING GOD REQUIRES...

1. EXPECTATION

2. PREPARATION

- How do you prepare when guests come to your home?
- Do you prepare yourself for moment-by-moment encounters with God?

ENCOUNTERING GOD MOMENT-BY-MOMENT

- All about PRIZING, GLORIFYING, and ENJOYING God above all!
- “What people revere, they resemble, either for ruin or restoration.” - G.K. Beale, *We Become What We Worship: A biblical theology of idolatry*
- Look for Him this week!