

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Exodus 20:18-26

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Exodus 20:18-26.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

¹⁸ All the people perceived the thunder

and the lightning flashes

and the sound of the trumpet

and the mountain smoking;

and when the people saw it, they trembled

and stood at a distance.

¹⁹ Then they said to Moses,

“Speak to us yourself

and we will listen;

but let not God speak to us,

or we will die.”

²⁰ Moses said to the people,

“Do not be afraid;

for God has come

in order to test you,

and in order that the fear of Him may remain with you,

so that you may not sin.”

²¹ So the people stood at a distance,

while Moses approached the thick cloud where God *was*.

²² Then the Lord said to Moses,

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“Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel,

‘You yourselves have seen

that I have spoken to you from heaven.

²³ You shall not make *other gods* besides Me;

gods of silver or gods of gold, you shall not make for yourselves.

²⁴ You shall make an altar of earth for Me,

and you shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings

and your peace offerings,

your sheep

and your oxen;

in every place where I cause My name to be remembered,

I will come to you and bless you.

²⁵ If you make an altar of stone for Me,

you shall not build it of cut stones,

for if you wield your tool on it,

you will profane it.

²⁶ And you shall not go up by steps to My altar,

so that your nakedness will not be exposed on it.’

1. Read chapter 20:1-17. What is the immediate context of vs. 18-26?
2. Review your sermon notes and Pastor Bret’s outline of the book of Exodus. How does this passage fit into the whole book of Exodus?
3. List the terrifying signs taking place in vs. 18. What is the people’s response to these signs?

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❖ Day 2

Read Exodus 20:20-26 again.

4. What purpose for God's coming is explained by Moses in vs. 20?

5. What does it mean to fear God?

6. How would you summarize the instructions given in vs. 22-26?

❖ Day 3

Read Exodus 20:20-26 again.

7. Why does the LORD give instructions for the building of alters?

8. What special instruction is given in vs. 26 and what is its purpose?

9. Summarize Exodus 20:18-26 in 21 words or less.

In preparation for Sunday, pray that your heart would be submissive to the word of God. Pray that we as a congregation would be growing in the fear of God. Pray that Pastor Bret would have clarity in his study this week and his preaching on Sunday.