

East Side Church

Life Notes

Imagine What God Can Do: To Reveal His Heart

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Exodus 19, 20, 32 & 33

Biblical Observation: When God frees us from our oppression and provides for us in the wilderness of our life, He leads us to a place of intimacy in order to reveal His heart for us.

There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.'" –Exodus 19:2b-6 (ESV)

Human Heart Revelation #1: When we see the heart of God we respond with fear and hesitancy because of the contrast between His glory and our sinfulness.

Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." – Exodus 20:18-19 (ESV)

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Human Heart Revelation #2: When we pull back from God we settle for a mediated relationship with God.

The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was. –Exodus 20:21 (ESV)

Human Heart Revelation #3: When we settle for a mediated relationship with God we build false gods to worship.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, "Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." – Exodus 32:1 (ESV)

Divine Heart Revelation: When God sees our unfaithful heart He forgives us because of His faithful heart for us.

So Moses returned to the Lord and said, "Alas, this people has sinned a great sin. They have made for themselves gods of gold. But now, if you will forgive their sin—but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written." But the Lord said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me, I will blot out of my book. But now go, lead the people to the place about which I have spoken to you; behold my angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them." –Exodus 32:31-34 (ESV)