

Moses: Needing a Mediator

Exodus 20:18–21

Exodus 19:8 The people all responded together, “We will do everything the LORD has said.” So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.

1. Keeping a _____.

Exodus 20:18–21 When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance...

- **Isaiah 6:5** “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty
- **Luke 5:8** “Go away from me, because I’m a sinful man, Lord!”

2. The need of a _____.

19 and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die”

- **Exodus 17:3–4** “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?” **4** Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

3. Doubt-filled _____ vs. reverent _____.

20 Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

- **Exodus 19:4–6** ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. **5** Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, **6** you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

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God is GOOD

- **G** _____ - **God pours out His _____ upon all people.** - **Matthew 5:44–45** But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **45** that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.
- **O** _____ - **God sovereignly _____ good for all His children.** - **Romans 8:28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
- **O** _____ - **God doesn’t need to _____ the human will to achieve His good plan.** **Luke 7:30** But the Pharisees and experts in the law rejected God’s purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.
- **D** _____ - **God’s ultimate D _____ of His goodness is Jesus’ self-sacrifice.** **Romans 5:8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

4. Approaching God _____.

21 The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

- **1 Timothy 2:5–6** For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, **6** who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time.
- **1 Peter 3:18** Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit.
- **Hebrews 9:15** For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

Application:

- *Don't remain at a distance. Plan a time to meet each day with God this week.*
- *Search and pray for examples of God's faithfulness in a difficult situation.*
- *Meditate on and Memorize a truth about God's goodness this week. (A verse to consider: Romans 8:28)*
- *Encourage someone who is discouraged this week with a truth about the goodness of God.*