

God Speaks to Moses

Exodus 19:20

Many years after Jacob went on his long trip and had his special dream, the Bible tells us about another man who went on a very long journey. His name was Moses. But he did not go on a trip by himself. Thousands and thousands of people went with him. Moses was their leader.

One day all these people were camping way out in a desert. God's powerful voice spoke to Moses from the top of a mountain.

God said to Moses "Here is what I want you to tell the people. If you will obey My voice and do what I tell you, Then you will please me more than any other people in the whole world, and many of your men will be My special helpers, and all of you will do what is right and good."

When Moses repeated the words of God to the people, the men in the group promised that they would do EVERYTHING God had told them to do.

Then God told Moses in three days he HIMSELF would come in a thick cloud to the top of the mountain and give Moses some special directions for the people. The people were not allowed to come near the mountain where God was going to be. Even animals were kept away from this special place.

ONE day went by. TWO days went by. All the people took baths and washed their clothes VERY carefully. In just ONE MORE DAY, their leader was going to meet with the one true living God, and God would give Moses a special message for all of them!

When the third day came, the people heard thunder and saw lightning in the air. They saw a thick cloud on top of this mountain. While the people were looking at the mountain, they heard the sharp sound of a trumpet blowing – DA-DA-DA-DUM, DA-DUM! The sound grew louder and louder!

Then God Himself called Moses to go up to the top of the mountain, and Moses obeyed. Perhaps the people watched him as he climbed higher and higher, clear up to the very tip-top of the mountain to meet with God. Finally, the thick cloud covered him all up; no one watching from the ground could see him anymore.

When Moses got to the top of the mountain, God spoke to him in His powerful voice:

"I am God."

"You must not worship anyone but me."

"You are to show honor to My name."

"Don't forget to worship Me on the special day that I have set aside for you."

"Love and obey your father and mother."

“You must not deliberately kill another person.”

“Husbands and wives are to love each other.”

“You must not take things that do not belong to you.”

“You must always tell the truth.”

“Do not wish for things you do not have.”

Down on the ground, the people became SCARED. But when Moses came down, he said to them, “Don’t be afraid. God has done all this so you will love Him more and stop doing bad things.”

Even today, God wants us to love Him. He does not want us to do things that do not please Him. These words are in the Bible, “I will not forget they word.” “Word” is another name for the Bible. When we remember God’s Word, we do what is good and right and show God that we love Him.

Bible Verse to Learn

“I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.” (Psalm 119:16).