

Exodus 19:1-18

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Introduction - Our Wishes and Response :

- Israel now at Mount Sinai where the law would be given to them. They have seen many great miracles and the gracious provision of God.
- What would be their response? Do we want Christ to carry us to himself on eagle's wings?
- Miracles - our desire for them. Miracles in our own lives to lead us/draw us closer to Christ. Miracles in the lives of our loved ones to bring them to Christ. Miracles in the lives of the country to make them follow Christ.
- The desire for a real prophet like Moses, or Jonathan Edwards, or George Whitefield. Then all would be right.

The Reality - The Sin of Man :

- The history from the Exodus to where they are now three months later.
- Their inability to see God. They blamed Moses and Aaron, not God, yet they were grumbling against God in fact.
- Our response - we wouldn't have been like that - the blindness of sin.
- Man's ability to give other explanations to any event that doesn't fit his worldview - **Matthew 12³⁸⁻⁴²** (The story of Jonah).
- The reality is SIN.

The Result - Eventual Judgement :

- Judgment greater because of the miracles - **Matthew 11²⁰⁻²⁴** (Capernaum).
- Miracles prove nothing to those who will not see - **Luke 16²⁷⁻³¹** (Lazarus and Dives).
- God's hardening of Pharaoh - the decision to follow Christ is never your own.
- God's working in the world : Isaiah -> Jesus - **Isaiah 6⁹⁻¹⁰** -> **Matthew 13¹⁴⁻¹⁷**.
- The Israelites were tested - failure brought judgment. The difference between the converted and the unconverted.

The Truth - God's Love made Manifest :

- God had carried them to himself on eagle's wings, and tested them at the same time. Faith requires testing to be real faith - **Romans 5¹⁻⁵**.
- **Deuteronomy 4³²⁻⁴⁰**.



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