

Study Notes and Questions for Exodus 19 and 20

- Why was arriving at Mt. Sinai coming full circle for Moses?
- What promise did God give Moses about Mt. Sinai when He spoke to him from the burning bush?
- What was the first thing that God wanted Moses to communicate to the people of Israel (19:4) and why was that important?
- In **verses 5 and 6** what is the condition set forth in order for the promises given in those verses to be delivered?
- Why were the people of Israel told to consecrate themselves and how would that prepare them to meet with the Lord?
- What things did the Lord tell them to do or abstain from to consecrate themselves? (19:12-14)
- How are some of those prohibitions similar to fasting?
- What specific manifestations did the people see and hear as the Lord came to meet with them?
- Why do we refer to Mt. Sinai as a place of separation and death?
- What is the first commandment (20:3) and why do you think this particular commandment came before all the others?
- God forbade His people from worshiping idols. How did people make idols of things today and how do they worship them?
- What are generational curses all about (20:5) and to whom do they apply?
- Since “vain” means empty or meaningless, in what ways do people take the name of the Lord in vain today?
- How does keeping the Sabbath apply to believers today and how did Jesus fulfill the meaning of the Sabbath?
- How can parents teach their children to honor them? What challenges does this commandment present for adult children with their own families?
- How do you see our society today rejecting the commandments about murder, adultery and theft?
- How are the 9th and 10th commandments set up for the protection of others?
- How should Christians understand and apply Galatians 3:24–25 in light of this study?