

“Shock and Awe”

Exodus 19

What’s Happening?*“On the third day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai” (11)*

- A. God’s presence is _____ B. God’s presence is _____

I. Why is this shock and awe happening?

We tend to be indifferent – _____ --toward our Creator

“We walk through this glorious theater as if blindfolded”

- A. We are preoccupied with lesser _____
 B. We are “comfortably numb”
“They did not see fit to _____ God” [Romans 1:28]

C. God is a _____ rather than all of life

D. We underestimate our plight

1. The Lord is _____

*“I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst” (Hosea 11:9)**“Our God is a consuming _____” (Hebrews 12:29)*

2. We are _____ holy

II. What needs to happen?

We must prepare to meet the Lord

- A. We must make a full _____
 1. Awaken to the _____ of God
 2. _____ to the Lord
 B. We must _____ our clothes
 C. We must abstain from normal activities in order to _____

III. What has happened on our behalf?

The God from afar has come down to us in our need

- A. Incredible _____ of transcendence and immanence
 B. The _____ spoke the _____ of God

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; _____”(Matt. 17:5)

- C. Shock and awe on another _____

The only one with _____ hands had them stretched out on the cross

Jesus entered the fire so we could live

IV. What happens now?

- A. Fear the Lord

“Serve the LORD with fear and _____ with trembling”(Psalm 2:11)

- B. Stop and listen to His voice C. _____ in Him D. Live!

The Gospel makes us more humble and more confident

The One who satisfied the Law on our behalf gives us freedom

More sober *and* more joyfulMore at rest *and* more earnest