

**Mediating a Covenant with God**  
Exodus 19 (Living in Covenant Series)  
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**Structure**

1) Ex. 19 in context

- After God's miraculous deliverance from Egypt there is a focus on Israel's trials of faith:
  1. Ex. 14 – Trapped at Red Sea
  2. Ex. 15 – Only bitter water to drink
  3. Ex. 16 – Out of food
  4. Ex. 17 – No water
  5. Israelites, satisfied with the knowledge of God's presence, had learned to trust Him.
- Focus on Moses sharing the load (Ex. 18)
- God's covenant with Israel (Ex. 19-24)

2) Setting: "Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses \_\_\_\_\_ to God." (v.2c,3a)

3) Rising action

- God's \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel (v3b-6)
- Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7-8a)
- Preparing for \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9b-15) ["Moses went down..." (v. 14)]

4) Turning point

- Moses \_\_\_\_\_ Israel to God (v. 16-19)

5) Declining action/ resolution

- God instructs Moses (v.20-24) ["Moses went up" (v. 20)]

6) New setting

- "So Moses \_\_\_\_\_ to the people and told them." (v. 25)

## Historical/ cultural context

- God \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to His people after 400 years of silence (implied by the text).
- God demonstrated His \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

## Biblical context

- They would camp at Mt. Sinai \_\_\_\_\_ months (Num. 10:11)
- This \_\_\_\_\_ Israel as a nation “under God”
- This would give them a construct within which to \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

## The main idea

- God is holy and unapproachable in our natural state – a \_\_\_\_\_ is necessary
- God \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ sinful man and makes an offer through a mediator.

## The Gospel connection

- The Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8)
- Jesus’ request of those who would follow Him (Mt. 16:24-25) parallels God’s request of the Israelites to obey Him (Ex. 19:5)
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**Historical/ cultural context**

- God **revealed** Himself to His people after 400 years of silence (implied by the text).
- God demonstrated His **power**, **protection**, and **provision**

## **Biblical context**

- They would camp at Mt. Sinai **eleven** months (Num. 10:11)
- This **founded** Israel as a nation “under God”
- This would give them a construct within which to **relate** to God.

## **The main idea**

- God is holy and unapproachable in our natural state – a **mediator** is necessary
- God **comes to** sinful man and makes an offer through a mediator.

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