

Read: Exodus 34:1-9

Day 18

“Secret Conversations With God”

The LORD said to Moses, “Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. Be ready in the morning, and then come up on Mount Sinai. Present yourself to Me there on top of the mountain. No one is to come with you or be seen anywhere on the mountain; not even the flocks and herds may graze in front of the mountain.” Exodus 34:1-3

Insight Into The Word: Instructions For The Servant

In the passage, God wants Moses to bring two stone tablets like the ones Moses had broken when he saw the idolatry of the Israelites. God is going to give the commandments again. The stone tablets were to be exactly like the first ones. The original tablets had been personally provided by God. Here, Moses would have to chisel them out of stone.

God also calls Moses to come up on Mount Sinai the next morning, ready to present himself before God. Mount Sinai was set apart, sacred, holy, and a reminder that God’s presence must be entered with great reverence and respect. God instructs Moses that he is to come alone; no one is to come with him or be seen anywhere on the mountain.

God’s holiness is powerful and demands that no unholy thing be in His presence. Nothing and no one who He does not specifically declare acceptable may safely approach Him. Accordingly, God issues a warning against the people and animals that they are not to be anywhere on the mountain.

God’s holiness demands great reverence, honor, and respect. We should never forget Who God is. He is The Maker of Heaven and Earth, The Sustainer of life, and The LORD over all creation. Through Jesus and the New Covenant, we have the special privilege of coming before His throne with boldness.

Thought to Ponder:

What does the holiness of God mean to you and how you approach His throne?