



STAND UP TO FALL DOWN: A GUIDE TO MEETING GOD

Exodus 33:7-11

Sermon Notes

Sunday, February 16, 2020

A Holy Encounter Sermon Series

1. The Holiness of God (Reference Scriptures: Exodus 20:2-4; Exodus 32)

- The purpose of this sermon series is to teach the church how to have a holy encounter with God consistently.
- God is holy. This means that there is “no God like Jehovah.”
- Our encounter with God should reflect His holiness.
- Ancient Israel “forgot” how holy God was when they rebelled and violated the commands not to have any gods before Him or make any carved image (idol) to worship.
- One of the consequences for this rebellion was the thought that although God would still give them the land promised, He would distance Himself from Israel.
- As distant as we can be, He still allows us to meet Him.
- There are five things we must understand if we are going to meet God and have a holy encounter.

2. Be Real With Yourself (Reference Scriptures: Isaiah 59:2; Romans 3:23)

- Before you come to meet God, be real with the reality of your sin.
- The distant tent would have reminded Israel of the reality of their sin.
- Any time they wanted to encounter God, they had to march a distance.
- When we get real about our sin, it can prevent us from approaching God out of our arrogance.
- The reality is that we don’t have a “right” to meet God; it is a distinct privilege.

3. You Need Him

- The Israelites were still going on a journey to the promised land.
- They still needed God's guidance and help.
- They would seek Him through Moses.
- We need God more today than we did yesterday.
- To meet Him, we must approach Him out of our sheer desperation.

4. Reverence and Respect

- Meet God with reverence and respect.
- The Israelites would rise up and fall down in worship. This was a sign of their reverence and respect for the holy encounter.
- You can have a holy encounter right where you are.
- We rise up with reverence, and we bow down out of respect.

5. Face-to-Face

- God is a spirit and does not have a "face."
- To communicate face-to-face is to do so in a way that includes talking and listening.
- The conversation with God continued until God concluded the meeting.
- When you encounter God, don't be in such a hurry for the meeting to conclude.

6. One Last Thing... (Reference Scriptures: Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:22; John 14:6; Hebrews 7:25)

- What Israel needed was a mediator to connect them with God.
- To have a holy encounter, we need a mediator like Moses.
- At best, however, Moses was a temporary mediator.
- God gave us a more permanent mediator – a better mediator.
- Our mediator is Jesus.
- We can't have a holy encounter without Him.