

# THE DANGER OF RUSHING GOD





# BACKGROUND TO MT. SINAI

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- ▶ Israel had been captive in Egypt.
  - ▶ Came there via Joseph (Gen. 41.56f; 47.1).
  - ▶ Enslaved by new pharaoh (Ex. 1.8ff).
- ▶ Liberated by God through Moses.
  - ▶ God called Moses (Ex. 3).
  - ▶ 10 plagues (Ex. 7.17ff).
  - ▶ Pharaoh relents at final plague (Ex. 11f).
- ▶ Led by fire and cloud to Sinai.
  - ▶ Exodus 13.18; 19.1ff
  - ▶ Exodus 14.31



# WHAT HAPPENED AT MT. SINAI?

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- Israel camps near the mount three months after leaving Egypt.
- God's presence descends on the mount.
  - Exodus 19.9-17
- Moses would go up and receive the law.
  - Exodus 20.18ff
- Moses made many trips up the mount.
  - Exodus 24.1-3
  - One time for 40 days - 24.15ff
  - Chapters 25-31 span 40 days.



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- ▶ Rushing God shows a deficient faith.
  - ▶ 14.31; 19.8; 20.19; 24.3-7
  - ▶ 40 days later — 32.1
    - ▶ Consider what God had done before now!
- ▶ Rushing God tends to focus too much on the external.
  - ▶ Moses was on the mountain longer than normal — 40 days.
  - ▶ How the mountain looked - 19.16; 20.18
    - ▶ Fear of things can lead us to abandon our fear of God.



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- ▶ Rushing God leads us to say and do things we wouldn't normally say/do.
  - ▶ Exodus 32.2-4 (NASB conveys idea)
  - ▶ Both Aaron and the people are at fault.
- ▶ Rushing God often sees the flawed combination of holy and common.
  - ▶ Aaron fashions a graven image and the people praise it as God (32.4-6).
  - ▶ A holy God mustn't be treated as common.
    - ▶ The best response to God is to do as He says.

# SERVING AN INFINITE GOD:

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- God's ways and thoughts are not our's.
  - Isaiah 55.8-9
- God exists above and beyond time.
  - 2 Peter 3.8
- God's timing is seldom our timing.
  - Joseph, Daniel, Hananiah, Jesus
- God's timing is perfect.
  - Galatians 4.4



# SERVING AN INFINITE GOD:

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“‘The LORD is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will hope in him.’ The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.”

*Lamentations 3:24-26*

