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Sunday, September 14, 2014

**“MEETING WITH GOD”**

(Exodus 19:1-20)

Important meetings in our lives will require special preparations. What preparations are you making to meet with God? He invites us to come into His presence. We dare not do so thoughtlessly or carelessly. What preparations should we all consider before coming before the Lord?

*“Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil” (Ecclesiastes 5:1, ESV).*

- **He carries us over our** \_\_\_\_\_.
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**1. For us God paid – A special** \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. In God’s eyes we have – A special** \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. For this calling God gives – A special** \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. God invites us into a special** \_\_\_\_\_.

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*“The Lord called to him out of the mountain” (Exodus 19:3, ESV).*

*“For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them” (Hebrews 12:18-19, ESV).*

*“But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel” (Hebrews 12:22-24, ESV).*

*“Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil” (Ecclesiastes 5:1, ESV).*

- **He carries us over our sorrows.**
- **He carries us over our sin.**

*“Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear” (Isaiah 59:1-2, ESV).*

*“Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow” (Psalm 51:7, ESV).*

- **He carries us over ourselves.**

**1. For us God paid – A special price.**

*“The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it” (Matthew 13:45-46, ESV).*

**2. In God’s eyes we have – A special purpose.**

*“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9, ESV).*

**3. For this calling God gives – A special purity.**

*“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow” (Isaiah 1:18, ESV).*

**4. God invites us into a special relationship.**

- **Approaching God requires consecration.**

*“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you” (James 4:8-10, ESV).*

- **Approaching God requires reverence.**
- **Approaching God requires a mediator.**