

Study Guide on Exodus 20:18-26

New American Standard Bible

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Exodus 20:18-26

(Exodus 20:18) All the people perceived the thunder and the lightning flashes and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood at a distance.

(Exodus 20:19) Then they said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen; but let not God speak to us, or we will die."

(Exodus 20:20) Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come in order to test you, and in order that the fear of Him may remain with you, so that you may not sin."

(Exodus 20:21) So the people stood at a distance, while Moses approached the thick cloud where God was.

(Exodus 20:22) Then the LORD said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'You yourselves have seen that I have spoken to you from heaven.'

(Exodus 20:23) 'You shall not make other gods besides Me; gods of silver or gods of gold, you shall not make for yourselves.

(Exodus 20:24) 'You shall make an altar of earth for Me, and you shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen; in every place where I cause My name to be remembered, I will come to you and bless you.

(Exodus 20:25) 'If you make an altar of stone for Me, you shall not build it of cut stones, for if you wield your tool on it, you will profane it.

(Exodus 20:26) 'And you shall not go up by steps to My altar, so that your nakedness will not be exposed on it.'"

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?