

Exodus 19:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Moses obeys immediately—no argument, no delay. 'Went down' (תָּמַת, vayered) and 'spoke' (רָאָתָּה, vayomer) show prompt compliance. The verse's brevity emphasizes action over words—Moses is a doer, not merely a hearer. He descends to deliver God's warning before ascending again with Aaron. This constant up-down movement dramatizes mediation's exhausting work—standing between holy God and sinful people, bringing words down and prayers up. Moses' faithful transmission of warnings saves lives—obedience in leadership protects those led. The people's safety depends on Moses' fidelity. The verse bridges chapter 19's theophany to chapter 20's law—Moses prepares them to hear God's voice.

Historical Context

Moses' repeated ascents and descents of Sinai (at least seven times) physically demonstrated his mediatorial role. Ancient readers would appreciate the exhausting physical labor involved in these climbs, underscoring Moses' dedication.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What does Moses' immediate obedience to God's command model for spiritual leaders?
2. How does Moses' physical labor (climbing up and down) illustrate the cost of mediation?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּלֶךְ מֹשֶׁה אֶל-עַם יִשְׂרָאֵל
went down So Moses H413 unto the people H5971 and spake H559 H413

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