***The Command for Consecration Before the Lord*(Cry of the Bride Fasting Wednesday)**

“Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes.

So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes. And he said to the people, “Be ready for the third day; do not come near your wives.” Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice. Then the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

Also let the priests who come near the Lord consecrate themselves, lest the Lord break out against them.” But Moses said to the Lord, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai; for You warned us, saying, ‘Set bounds around the mountain and consecrate it.’ ” Then the Lord said to him, “Away! Get down and then come up, you and Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the Lord, lest He break out against them.” So Moses went down to the people and spoke to them.”

Exodus 19:10, 14-17, 19-20, 22-25 NKJV

Today as we fast, let us consider giving ourselves to God intentionally for consecration. Let us approach fasting for the purpose of receiving understanding on how to pray for God to dwell in and WITH us.

Notice in the narrative above:  
— the general congregation stayed below the mountain  
— the priests and elders stayed in the second tier of the mountain   
— Moses alone was invited to come to the top of the mountain. Why?

Levels of ascendancy requires degrees of holiness before God! The need to be purified and the response to that preparation is what allows for ascendancy. Only Moses was invited to come closest into God’s presence. Let us ask ourselves today why? These past few days, I have been waiting on the Lord for understanding in His ache. Are you? You should!