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April 12, 2024 – God’s Ache: “To Be Our God And We, To Be His People” – Erlinda Cruz

Exodus 20:2-3, 18-22

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. “You shall have no other gods before Me.

Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off.

Then they said to Moses, “You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”

And Moses said to the people, “Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.”

So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was.

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘You have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.’”

Exodus 20:2-3, 18-22 NKJV

Notice that the above verses were taken from the Lord’s commandments given to Moses. We also saw how the great manifestation of God’s presence terrified people. They drew away from His presence, afraid to converse with God! Here they petitioned Moses to just talk to God and He can tell them what He’s saying.

I don’t know if the terrifying presence of God was too much for them to process? But it saddened me that they were willing to forfeit their right to come close? The fear of God must draw us near, although in reverence. How would you process the Israelites attitude at that time?