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LESSON 35 EXODUS 20:18-26

Chapter 20 is the chapter of the ten commandments. It is more, but it dominates the chapter. Jehovah speaks, giving the law.

1. What seemed to be the focus of the people in Ex 20:18?
 - How did they respond?

2. In Ex 20:19, how and what does their verbal response reflect?

3. In Ex 20:20, what does Moses say that God's intended effect should be?
 - How you reconcile the two uses of 'fear' in the verse?

 - Did the people's response mean that God's used the wrong 'tactic?' Explain.

4. In Ex 20:21, what is the contrast between the people's response and Moses' response?
 - If you have not already answered, how may this help in understanding the answer to the last part of question #3?

5. In Ex 20:22, what else did Jehovah want the people to recognize?

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- How do you reconcile this statement with Ex 19:20?
 - How does this also fit with the people's previous response in v19?
6. Ex 20:23-23:33 may all be a continuation of v22. The laws may be placed in small groups of similar nature. Many of these laws give more detail to the ten commandments, although sometimes not particularly tied to an individual commandment. In general, with what are vv23-26 concerned?
- How does the v23 flow from v22 and what is the contrast?
 - What is God communicating in v24?
 - What is the regulation in v25 and why?
 - What may be the cultural significance of v26?

CONCLUSIONS

7. What type of applications might come from this passage?