A painting of a rural landscape. In the foreground, a large, gnarled, leafless tree stands on a grassy bank. A dirt path leads from the bottom right towards a house in the middle ground. The house is a simple, long, single-story building with a dark roof. The sky is filled with dramatic, grey and white clouds, suggesting an overcast or stormy day. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

**God – A Relational Being Who Lives,  
Reveals, and Responds – Part 1**

**Exodus 19–20**

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## Exodus 19:1-2 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came *to* the Wilderness of Sinai. <sup>2</sup> For they had departed from Rephidim, had come *to* the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Israel camped there before the mountain.



## Exodus 19:3-6 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: <sup>4</sup> ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine. <sup>6</sup> And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

- You saw how I dealt with your foes
- I bore you on eagle’s wings to myself
- You will be a treasure to God from all the earth
- You will be a kingdom of priests

## Exodus 19:1-13 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes. <sup>11</sup> And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the Lord will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

<sup>12</sup> You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, ‘Take heed to yourselves *that* you do *not* go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.

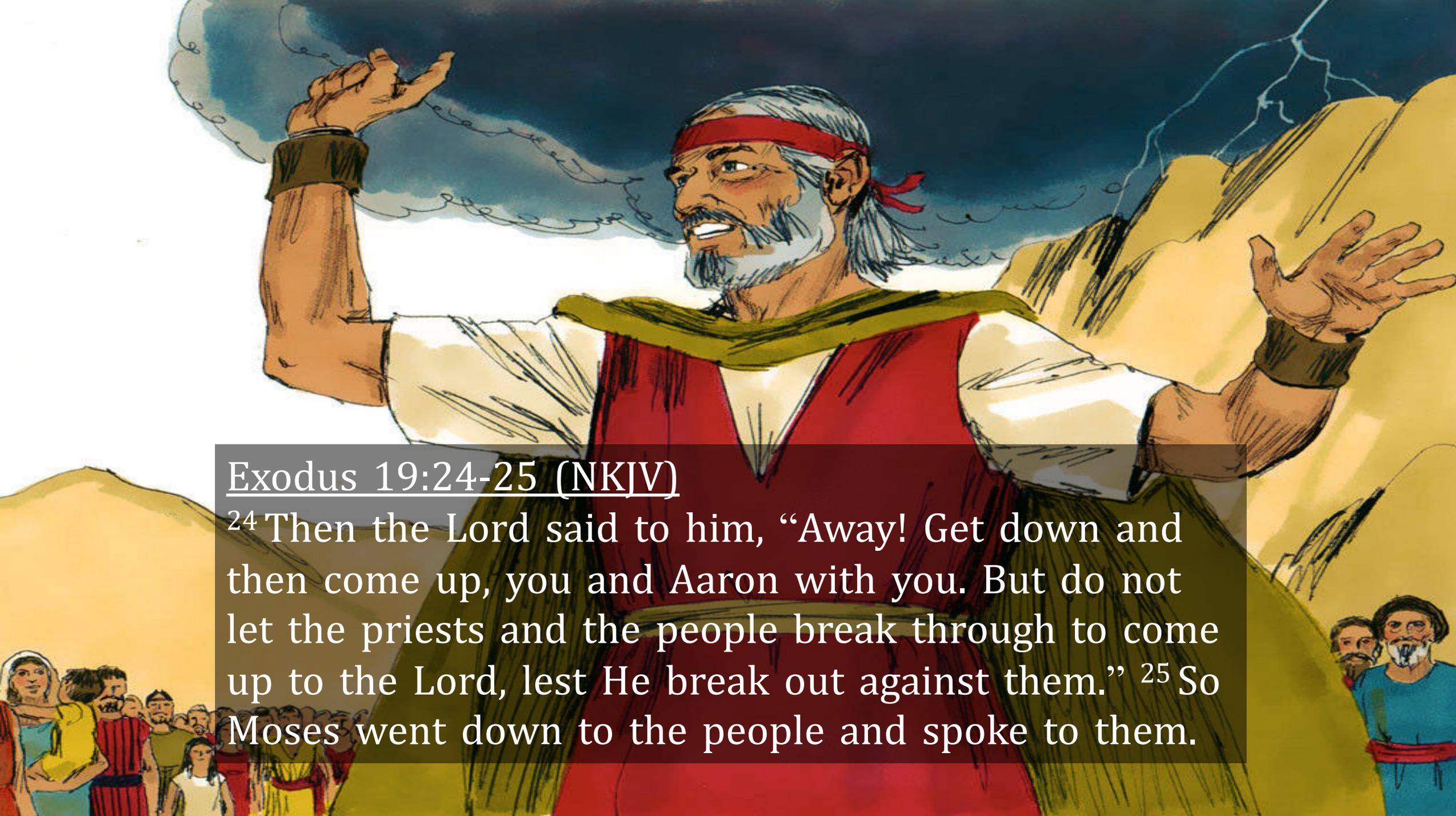
<sup>13</sup> Not a hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot *with an arrow*; whether man or beast, he shall not live.’ When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come near the mountain.”

- Consecration precedes relationship
- Relationship does not suggest equality

## Exodus 19:16-20 (NKJV)

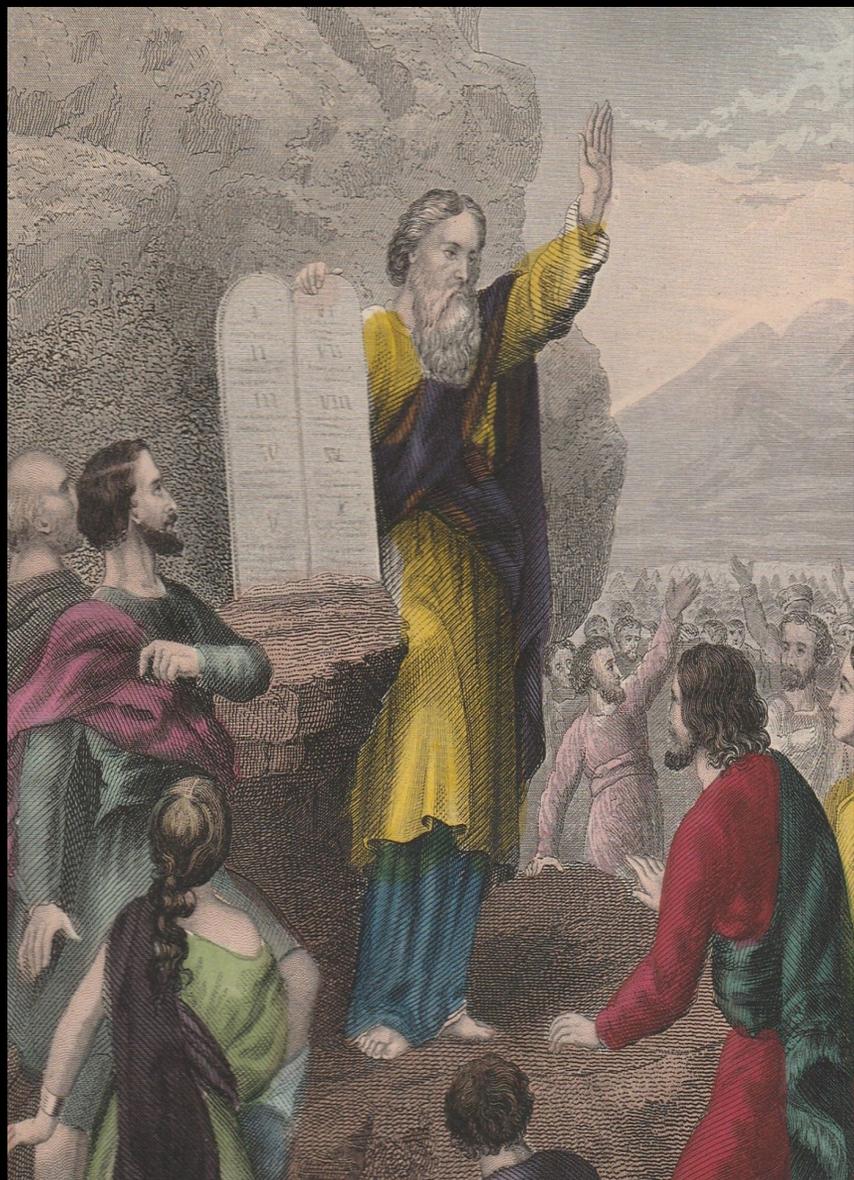
<sup>16</sup> Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who *were* in the camp trembled. <sup>17</sup> And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

<sup>18</sup> Now Mount Sinai *was* completely in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. <sup>19</sup> And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice. <sup>20</sup> 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.

An illustration of Moses, an elderly man with a white beard and hair, wearing a red headband and a red tunic with a green shawl. He has his arms raised in a gesture of command or prayer. The background shows a dramatic sky with dark clouds and lightning, and a yellowish landscape. In the bottom left and right corners, there are small illustrations of people, including a woman in a blue and yellow dress and a man in a blue tunic with a red sash.

Exodus 19:24-25 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> 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.” <sup>25</sup> So Moses went down to the people and spoke to them.



## Exodus 20:1-3 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> And God spoke all these words, saying:

<sup>2</sup> “*I am* the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

<sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before Me.

- No other gods in my presence
- No other gods have actual existence



## Exodus 20:4 (NKJV)

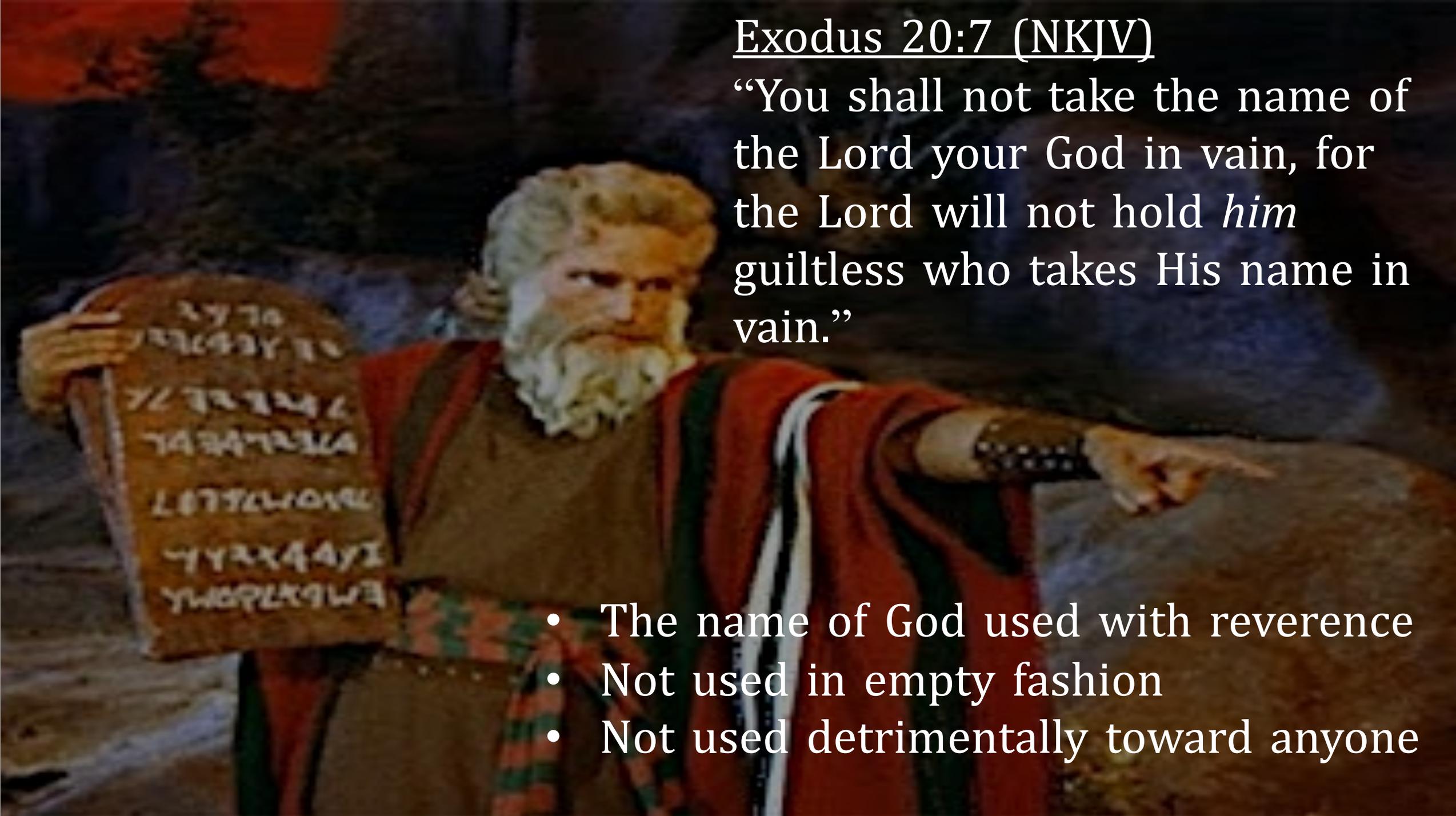
“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth;”

- Any image of me is idolatry and impossible
- Any image of anything else is false
- I am a jealous God in your behalf
- I show mercy to thousands

## Exodus 20:7 (NKJV)

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.”

- The name of God used with reverence
- Not used in empty fashion
- Not used detrimentally toward anyone





Exodus 20:8 (NKJV)

Remember the Sabbath day,  
to keep it holy.

- Honor and special recognition for God one day in seven
- One seventh of time devoted to God