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Today's Scripture Reading

Exodus 19:16-25

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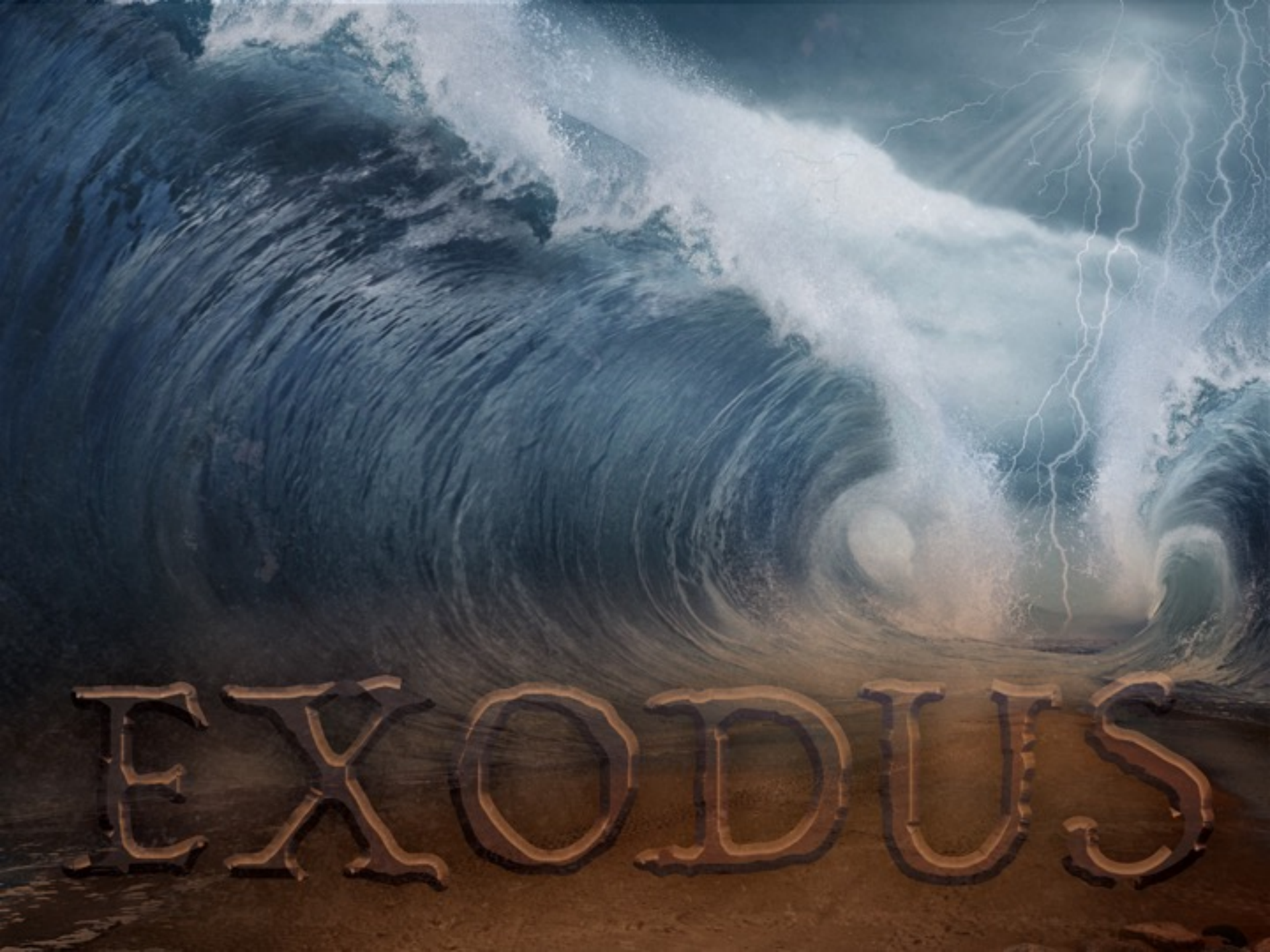
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TWO FRAMES OF FEAR

Fear - Emotional foreboding or dread of impending distress or misfortune.

Matthew 10:28: *And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*

He 5:14, Cor 3:2; Mt 5:22, 25:41, 7:23, 25:11-13, 5:29, 22:12-14; Lk 19:27; 1 Cor 6:9-10; Rom 2:5; Heb 10:26-31

Where are our hearts today?

- Who do we answer to?
- Cavalier
- Little regard for judgment

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Reverence - The proper sense of awe, respect and wonder that is inspired and demanded by an encounter with, or meditation upon, the character and activity of the living God.

1 John 4:16-18: *So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.*

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DON'T BE QUICK TO SOLVE PROBLEM OF FEAR WITH THE GOSPEL

Philippians 2:12-13: *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

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HOLISTIC FEAR AND THE GOSPEL

- A holistic training on fear includes both frames
- We want to get eventually reject of some aspects of fearing God and not others.

Isaiah 11:2-3: *And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.*

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Hebrews 12:18-29

What a difference between Sinai and Zion

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CONSIDER:

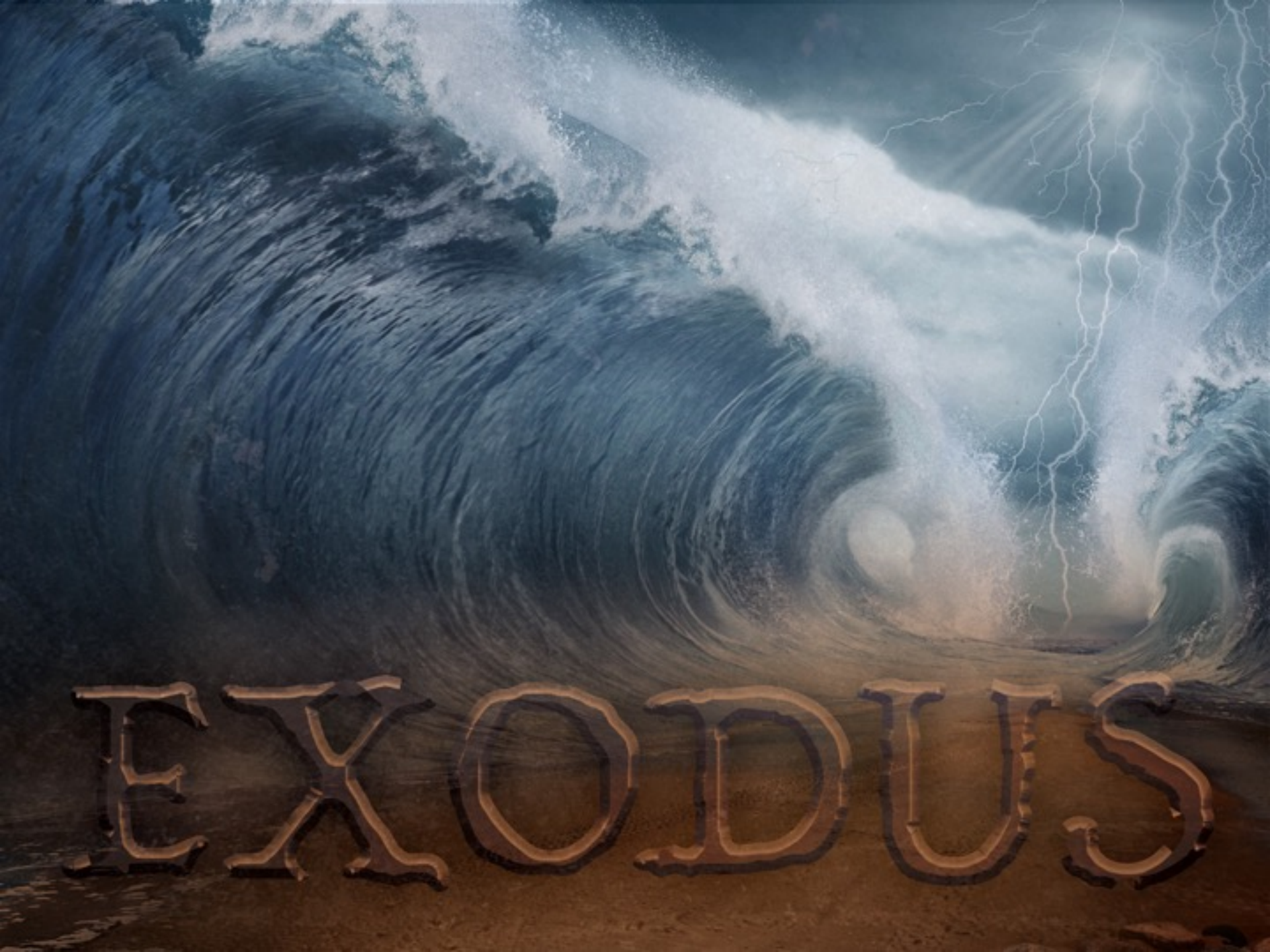
The Awesomeness of God

RESPONSE:

Reverence, Gratitude, Courage

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