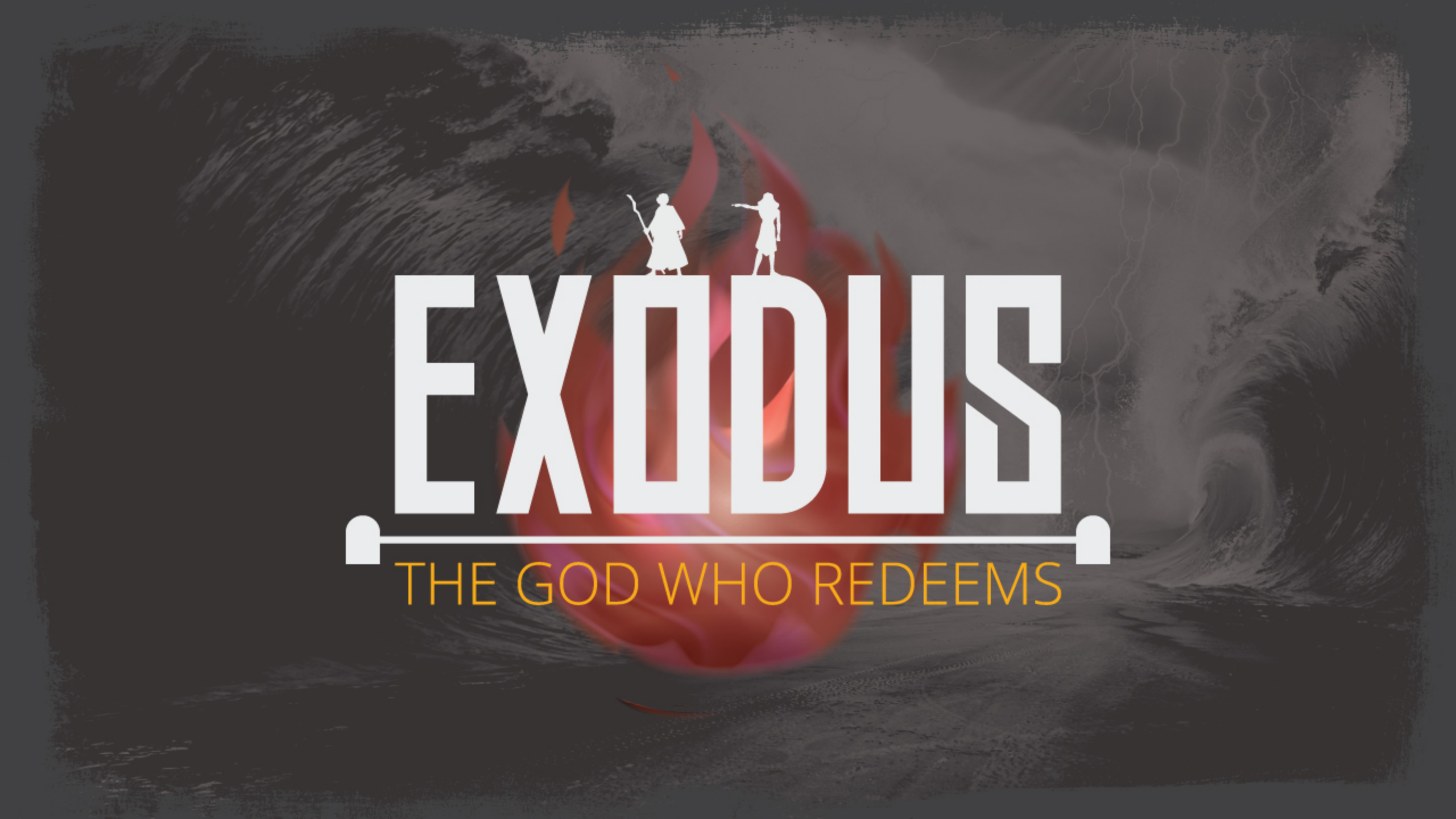
EXODUS
THE GOD WHO REDEEMS

Exodus 20:18-21

Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off [19] and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen;

Exodus 20:18-21

but do not let God speak to us, lest we
die.” 20 Moses said to the people, “Do
not fear, for God has come to test you,
that the fear of him may be before you,
that you may not sin.” 21 The people
stood far off, while Moses drew near to
the thick darkness where God was.

The God Worth Fearing

Vs. 18: The people respond to the presence of God.

Vs. 19: The people make a request of Moses.

Vs. 20: Moses' reassurance to the people.

The God Worth Fearing

Two Kinds of Fear:

- A fear that is forbidden
- A fear that is commanded

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Vs. 21: The people's reaction to the fear of God.

A fear that drives man from God

A fear that draws man to God

The God Worth Fearing

To fear something is to give credence to its power over you.

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And if you fear God, your heart will quake at the smallest glimpse of His majesty.

The God Worth Fearing

A proper perspective of the gospel should amplify the fear of God in our hearts.

Philippians 2:12b-13

…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.

Exodus 20:20

Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.

The God Worth Fearing

The fear of God becomes a motive for the believer to never turn away from God.