



# Two Mountains

The Topography of Encountering God

**From Paralyzing Fear to Bold Access**



## The Religious Treadmill

**The Misconception:**  
Encountering God depends on our performance.

**The Result:**  
Getting nowhere.



## Rescue from Egypt

The Passover lamb and escape from slavery.



## The Desert March

A three-month journey through the wilderness as a ragtag band of refugees.

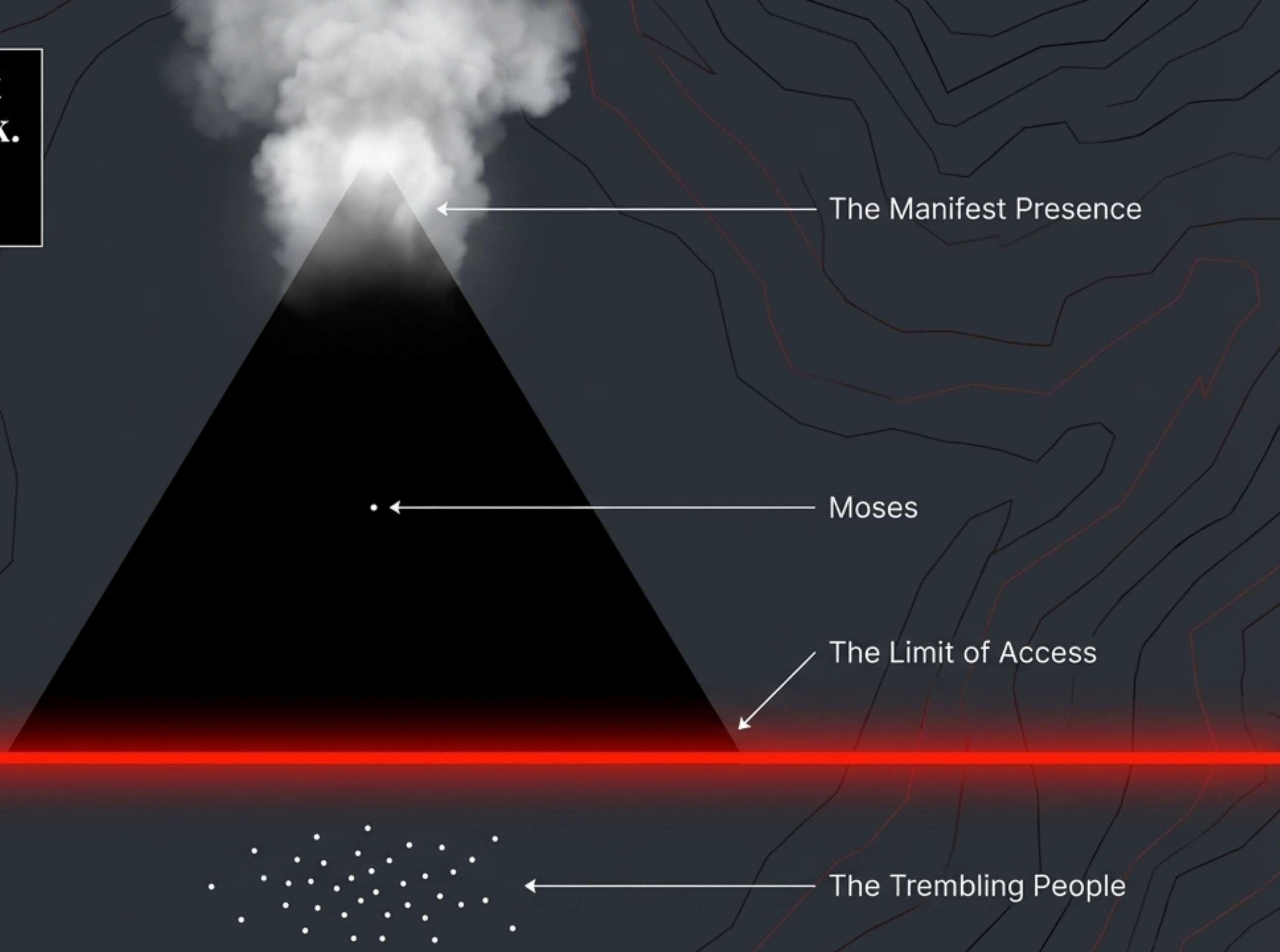


## Arrival at Sinai

The pivotal moment of becoming God's covenant nation and a "kingdom of priests" (Exodus 19:3-6).

God initiated the covenant, but the terms of engagement were about to be revealed.

**The Lord came near—but  
the people were kept back.**  
To touch the mountain  
meant death.





Thunder & Lightning



Thick Smoke like a Furnace



Deafening Trumpet Blast



Violent Ground-Shaking

“You speak to us, and we will listen, but don’t let God speak to us, or we will die.” — Exodus 20:19

God’s holiness created such terror that the people demanded distance.

# THE CURTAIN OF SEPARATION

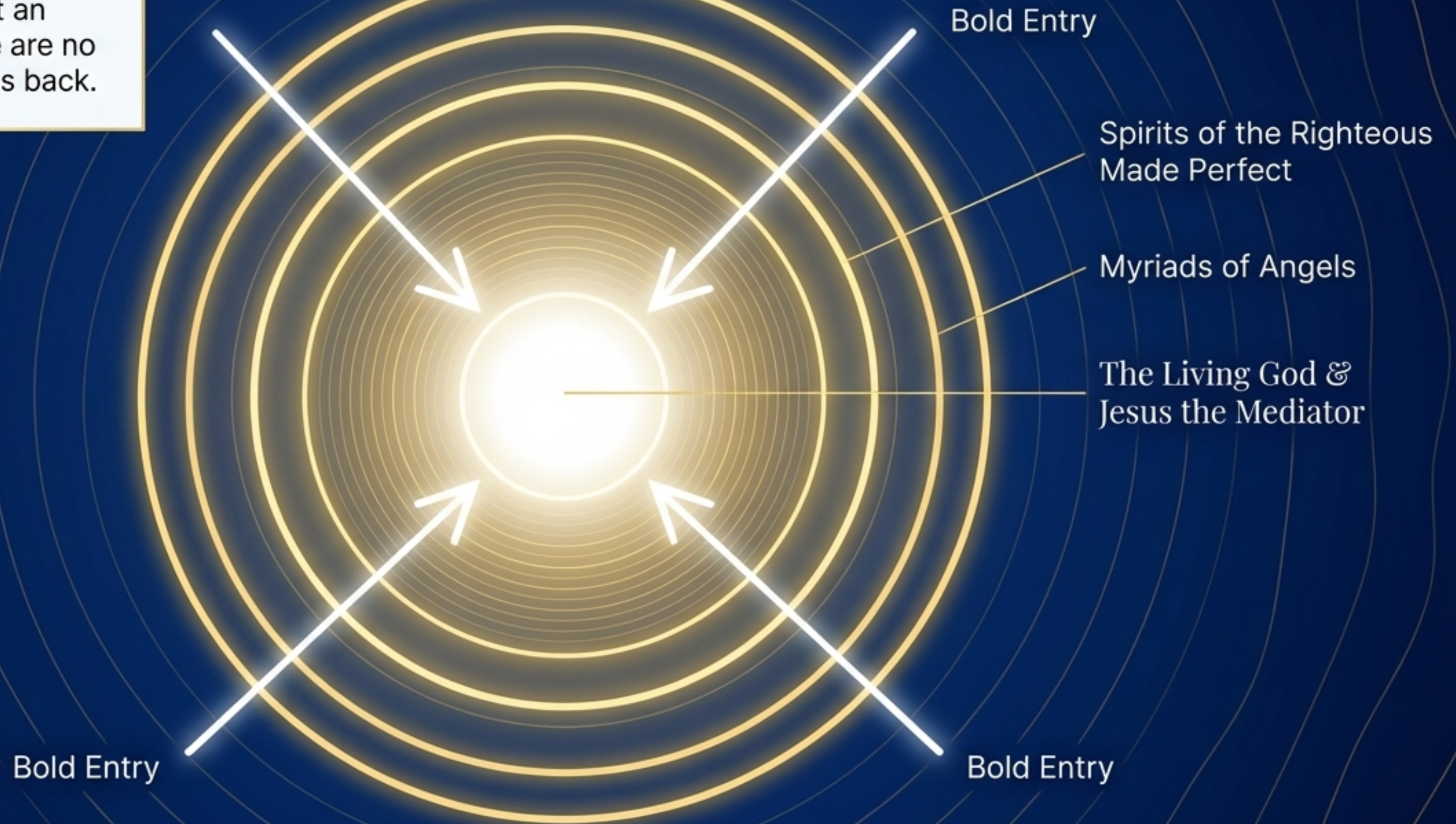
The Sprinkled Blood of Jesus

THE  
NEW  
AND  
LIVING  
WAY

“Jesus, the Great High Priest, opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain. Access is no longer earned by flawless performance; it is granted by his atoning blood.”

(Hebrews 10:19-22)

Mount Zion is not a physical earthly mountain, but an eternal spiritual reare are no boundaries to keep us back.





A Festive, Joyful  
Gathering



The Assembly  
of the Firstborn



Names Written  
in Heaven



Cleansed by  
the Blood

“Instead, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God...” — Hebrews 12:22

Spiritual reality is no longer obscured by darkness and storm; it is an accessible realm of joy.



## Mount Sinai / Exodus 19

## Mount Zion / Hebrews 12

### Topography



Physical, Earthly Mountain



Eternal, Spiritual City

### Atmosphere



Darkness, Gloom, Storm



Festive, Joyful Gathering

### Accessibility



Trembling Distance ("Keep Back")



Bold, Total Access ("Draw Near")

### Mediator



A Terrified Moses



The Exalted Jesus

### Qualification



The Law & Human Performance



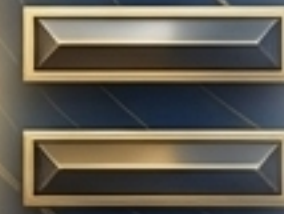
The Sprinkled Blood of Christ

Christianity is not a Sinai religion. We encounter God on a different mountain.

**Reverence  
for God's  
Absolute  
Holiness**



**The  
Cleansing  
Blood of  
Jesus**



**Unprecedented,  
Bold Access**

Fearing God is good—He is not our casual “buddy.” But because Jesus has opened the way, our reverence no longer requires paralyzing distance. We enter with sincere hearts, fully trusting Him.

**Your Spiritual Reality:**  
Joining the myriads of angels,  
perfected believers, and the living God.

**The Anatomy  
of an Encounter**

**Your Daily Reality:**  
Praying or praising at home,  
in the car, or at church.

**“When we pray and praise... we sort of leave the planet  
and enter a new realm, the heavenly city of God.”**

Even on days you're not  
feeling it, believe it.

- ✓ Step off the religious treadmill.
- ✓ Remember where your prayers take you.
- ✓ You belong in the city of God, right now.

**Prepare for a Mountainous Encounter.**