



Sermon Notes | December 4, 2022



**Title:** God Is With Us on the Mountain Top

**Text:** 1 Kings 18

**Isaiah 2:2-3** | “Come, let’s go up to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob.<sup>[1]</sup> He will teach us about his ways so that we may walk in his paths.”

What significant mountains do we read about in Scripture?

YHWH vs. Ba’al, a showdown on Mount Carmel

**The Confrontation** | 1 Kings 18:7-19

**The Challenge** | 1 Kings 18:20-29

**The Champion** | 1 Kings 18:30-39

The point of the challenge:

1. So that this people will \_\_\_\_\_ that you, the LORD, are God
2. That their \_\_\_\_\_ will be turned back to God

How did the people respond to God’s display of power?

“Mountain Top Experience”: an experience where God become undeniably “\_\_\_\_\_”

The \_\_\_\_\_ had a “mountain top experience” in Luke 2

Who appeared with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration?

“These moments are given to us so that we can remember them when God seems far away and everything appears empty and useless. These experiences are true moments of \_\_\_\_\_.” - Henri Nouwen

The \_\_\_\_\_ doesn’t last forever, and neither does the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Deuteronomy 8:11-18** | A Word of Warning

Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ God.

**Hebrews 12:18-24** | A Word of Encouragement

We have come to Mount \_\_\_\_\_

**Going Deeper** | Study & Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever been on top of a literal mountain? Describe what that experience was like.
2. What metaphorical mountain top experiences have you had in life? What have those times been like for you?
3. When in your life has God become undeniably “real” to you?
4. What did the Shepherds do after their “mountain top experience”? What lesson can we learn from them?
5. Why do we tend to forget God when things are going well? How can we keep that from happening?
6. What’s the difference between Mount Sinai and Mount Zion according to Hebrews 12?

