

## What just happened?

Intro – This phrase ‘what just happened’ has become quite commonplace recently. It may have started off as a movie but now serves to mark a stock taking after an extreme and unexpected turn of events. Perhaps we could ask that about the events of these past few weeks, hoping that this is the beginning of real change, but begun by a seemingly isolated incident which becomes the watershed for greater things. These moments can be mundane events or actions which mark a new direction. Here we have God’s interpretation of recent events. (Ex.19:2-8a)

- A. You have seen...(Ex. 19:2-4) This is the Foundation
  - You saw God’s actions against the Egyptians
  - You saw God bear you on eagles wings
  - You saw God bring you to Godself – c/f. Gen. 3:9 Where are you?
  - compare Matt. 25:14-30 What have we witnessed? How are our interpretation skills? how do we interpret our own rescue?
- B. Have you heard... (v.5) Center stage, everything revolves around this
  - hear/obey/listen: ‘Shema Israel” . There are different kinds of hearing
  - heart inclined to keep covenant- c/f I John 2:3-4, 2 John 6 Love=Obey
  - law given to the already redeemed!
  - law=worship: adherence to Whom , not what
- C. You will become..v. 5-6
  - God’s concern for the entire Creation
  - priestly nation means mediation role, not privilege

Conclusion: Let’s recognize the God who describes God’s own actions, and return again to that center.