THE EXODUS

The Old Covenant
Exodus 19-20, 24
Lesson 8

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
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The Place of the Law of Moses

- Early controversy – Acts 15
- A rule of life for the Christian
- Not for the New Covenant era
Key Passages on the Mosaic Law

- Genesis 12:1-3 – The Promise of God
- Jeremiah 31:31-34 – A New Covenant
- Galatians 3 – A temporary instrument
- Acts 15; Romans 8:1-8; 2 Cor. 3; Col. 2:3-23
The Law of Moses

- Given at Mount Sinai to Israel
- Moral laws – Ceremonial laws – Civil laws
- Aaronic/Levitical priesthood
The Purpose of the Law

- Depicts the spiritual exodus – salvation
- Reveal the character of God – holy, just, gracious
The Law and Salvation

- Sin exposed – Romans 3:20
- The grace of God – Deut. 8:17-18; 18:15; 30:6
- The just shall live by faith – Deut. 8:1-4; 30:11-12; Romans 10:5-11
Israel at Mount Sinai

- A sign: “serve God on this mountain” Exodus 3:12
- The promise – from Egypt to the Promised Land
- God’s power – “I brought you to Myself.” Exodus 19:4
God’s Word for Israel

- Obey My voice and keep My Covenant
- You will be a treasured possession
- You will be a kingdom of priests
- You will be a holy nation
Two Covenants

- The Mosaic Covenant – Exodus 20 – Deut. 34
- The Everlasting Covenant
- God’s word to Abraham – Genesis 17:3-14, 27
- Keep the Everlasting Covenant – Exodus 19:5
  - Treasured possession, kingdom of priests, holy nation
The Revelation of the LORD on Sinai

- A pledge to keep the words of the LORD
- Faith comes by hearing the word of the LORD
- The Word of the LORD
  - Exodus 19:7, 25; 20:1; 24:3, 4, 7, 8, 12
The People before Mount Sinai

- Personal preparation
- An unapproachable God
- God speaks with Moses in the hearing of the nation
- Moses called into the mountain
- Repeated warnings to the people to stay away
Israel’s Test

- They need the blessing of God
- They need to keep the Everlasting Covenant
- They need to obey
- They stand before an unapproachable God
- This is a test (Exodus 20:18-21)
- “Do not let God speak to us!”
The Ten Commandments

- Index to the Law of Moses (Deut. 4:13)
- A “new” Covenant
- Promotes the Everlasting Covenant
- Two Great Commandments
  - Love for God
  - Love for neighbor
The Ten Commandments

1. No other Gods before Me
2. No graven images
3. Not take the name of the LORD in vain
4. Keep the Sabbath as a holy day
5. Honor your father and mother
The Ten Commandments

- 6. No murder
- 7. No adultery
- 8. Not steal
- 9. Not bear false witness against neighbor
- 10. Not covet
The Old Covenant Sacrifice

- The Blood of the Covenant
- Fellowship with God
- God is a consuming fire, but safe