

The Old Covenant

Lesson 8: Exodus 19, 24

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Review

- Creation
- Fall
- Flood
- The Gospel given to Abraham
- The Lord will provide a lamb
- Jacob and Esau
- The Passover lamb

Exodus Outline

- 1 Israel oppressed
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- 16-18 Traveling in the wilderness
- 19-24 God's covenant with His people
- 25-31 Description of the tabernacle construction
- 32-34 The golden calf
- 35-40 The construction of the tabernacle

Outline

- 19:1-2 Setting
- 19:3-6 The **Lord** offers a covenant
- 19:7-8 **Moses** relates the Lord's words, the people accept
- 19:9-13 The **Lord** specifies how He will meet with the people
- 19:14-15 **Moses** prepares the people
- 19:16-20 The Lord comes to Mount Sinai
- 19:21-24 The **Lord** warns about approaching His presence
- 19:25 **Moses** relates the warning

The Lord offers a covenant Exodus 19:1-6

¹In the third month after the sons of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ²When they set out from Rephidim, they came to the wilderness of Sinai and camped in the wilderness; and there Israel camped in front of the mountain. ³Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: ⁴'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself. ⁵Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; ⁶and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel."

- Names of God in Exodus 19
 - God – 3
 - LORD – 12
- If the people
 - Obey God's voice
 - Keep God's covenant
- Then Israel will be
 - God's possession
 - Kingdom of priests
 - Holy nation

The people accept Exodus 19:7-11

⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do!" And Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD. ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will come to you in a thick cloud, so that the people may hear when I speak with you and may also believe in you forever." Then Moses told the words of the people to the LORD.

¹⁰The LORD also said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments; ¹¹and let them be ready for the third day, for on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

- Moses was a mediator
 - God speaks to Moses
 - Moses tells the people what God said
- The people say they will do what God has said
- Proximity to God requires holiness

Moses prepares the people

Exodus 19:12-15

¹²You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, 'Beware that you do not go up on the mountain or touch the border of it; whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death. ¹³No hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot through; whether beast or man, he shall not live.' When the ram's horn sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain."

¹⁴So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people, and they washed their garments. ¹⁵He said to the people, "Be ready for the third day; do not go near a woman."

- Up
 - 19:3 – Moses
 - 19:12 – the people (prohibition)
 - 19:13 – the people (at the right time)
 - 19:20 – Moses
 - 19:23 – the people (inability)
 - 19:24 – Moses and Aaron
 - 19:24 – the people
- Down
 - 19:11 – the Lord (warning)
 - 19:14 – Moses
 - 19:18 – the Lord
 - 19:20 – the Lord
 - 19:21 – Moses
 - 19:24 – Moses
 - 19:25 – Moses

The Lord comes to Mount Sinai Exodus 19:16-19

¹⁶So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who *were* in the camp trembled. ¹⁷And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

¹⁸Now Mount Sinai *was* all in smoke because the LORD descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked violently.

¹⁹When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and God answered him with thunder.

- God manifested in power
- Moses brings the people to God
- God originally showed Himself to Moses in the fire of the burning bush

The Lord warns about approaching Him Exodus 19:20-25

²⁰The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. ²¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go down, warn the people, so that they do not break through to the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish. ²²Also let the priests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves, or else the LORD will break out against them." ²³Moses said to the LORD, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for You warned us, saying, 'Set bounds about the mountain and consecrate it.'" ²⁴Then the LORD said to him, "Go down and come up *again*, you and Aaron with you; but do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, or He will break forth upon them." ²⁵So Moses went down to the people and told them.

- Similar to preparations to meet royalty
- God tells Moses when to come

Outline

- 24:1-2 **God** calls Moses and elders to the mountain
- 24:2-8 **Moses** relates God's words and the people accept
- 24:9-11 Moses and the elders see God and eat and drink
- 24:12 **God** calls Moses to the mountain
- 24:13-18 **Moses** prepares and goes up the mountain

God calls Moses and the elders to the mountain Exodus 24:1-4

¹Then He said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel, and you shall worship at a distance. ²Moses alone, however, shall come near to the LORD, but they shall not come near, nor shall the people come up with him.”

³Then Moses came and recounted to the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do!” ⁴Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. Then he arose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain with twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel.

- Ratification of the covenant
- Up
 - 24:1 – Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, 70 elders
 - 24:2 – not the people
 - 24:9 – Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, 70 elders
 - 24:12 – Moses
 - 24:13 – Moses and Joshua
 - 24:15 – Moses
 - 24:18 – Moses

The people accept the covenant Exodus 24:5-8

⁵He sent young men of the sons of Israel, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD. ⁶Moses took half of the blood and put *it* in basins, and the *other* half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. ⁷Then he took the book of the covenant and read *it* in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!" ⁸So Moses took the blood and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

- 19:8 All that the LORD has spoken we will do!
- 24:3 All ***the words*** which the LORD has spoken we will do!
- 24:7 All that the LORD has spoken we will do, **and we will be obedient!**
- Book of the covenant
- Blood of the covenant

Moses and the elders see God Exodus 24:9-14

⁹Then Moses went up with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel; and under His feet there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, as clear as the sky itself. ¹¹Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the nobles of the sons of Israel; and they saw God, and they ate and drank.

¹²Now the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and remain there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commandment which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses arose with Joshua his servant, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. ¹⁴But to the elders he said, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a legal matter, let him approach them.”

- Names of God in Exodus 24
 - God – 3
 - LORD – 10
- God’s favor to the elders
- Communication is still through Moses

Moses goes up the mountain

Exodus 24:15-18

¹⁵Then Moses went up to the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; and on the seventh day He called to Moses from the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷And to the eyes of the sons of Israel the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the mountain top. ¹⁸Moses entered the midst of the cloud as he went up to the mountain; and Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

- The cloud was a manifestation of God's presence
- God calls Moses when He wants to speak to him
- Images God uses for Himself
 - Cloud
 - Consuming fire

What Israel should have thought about

- How does this covenant relate to the covenant made with Abraham?
- Why was Moses needed as a messenger?
- Why were sacrifices needed?
 - The people stated that they would keep the covenant
 - Sin and guilt offerings would not be needed if perfect obedience was possible
 - Atonement is needed for forgiveness for unintentional sins
- Where is the sacrifice for intentional sins?

Use in the New Testament

- A new covenant is needed
 - Matthew 26:28, Mark 14:24, Luke 22:20, 1 Corinthians 11:25, 2 Corinthians 3:6-7, Hebrews 12:18-22
- The law cannot save
 - Romans 4:15
- The law increases sin
 - Galatians 3:19
- Covenants require blood
 - Hebrews 9:18-19, Hebrews 13:20
- A special relationship with God
 - 1 Peter 2:5, 9; Revelation 1:6, 5:10

Summary

- A mediator is needed between us and God
- Holiness is needed to approach God
- The law says, “Do this and you will live”
- The law cannot be kept
- Only unintentional sins may be forgiven
- Works: All that the Lord has spoken we will do
- Faith: All that the Lord has spoken we will believe