

THE COVENANT

EXODUS 20:18-24:11
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A COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS BASED ON:

1. God's gracious _____ 19:3-6

Exodus 19:3-6 Moses 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. ⁵ 'Now 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; ⁶ and 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."

OBEDIENCE _____ BLESSING

2. Proper _____ of God 20:18-21

Hebrews 12:19 And to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them.

Hebrews 10:31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

3. Clear _____ of the law of God 20:22-23:18

THEOLOGY OF THE LAW

CHRISTIANS ARE NOT BOUND BY THE MOSAIC LAW

Romans 6:14 For sin will not have dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Matthew 5:17 Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.

ALL SCRIPTURE IS PROFITABLE

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.

Romans 15:4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

THE LAW IS A POINTER—IT EXPOSES SIN AND POINTS TO CHRIST

Romans 7:7 I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "You shall not covet."

Galatians 3:24 So the law has become our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

BEWARE THE PENDULUM OF LAW AND GRACE

Romans 6:15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!

Romans 3:20 because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.

THE MOSAIC LAW IS NOT A MODEL FOR AMERICA TO COPY

Moral — reveals God's unchanging character, summarized in the 10 commandments.

Malachi 3:6 For I, the Lord, do not change.

Civil — applied God's moral law to Israel's life as a theocracy, providing national, political, judicial regulations unique to Israel.

Ceremonial — regulated Israel's worship, sacrifices, priesthood, feasts, and dietary laws. Fulfilled in Christ and no longer required.

Colossians 3:17 things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

THE MOSAIC LAW SETS FORTH GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Respect for God 20:22-26

Respect for Human life 21:1-32

Respect for what belongs to another 21:33-22:17

Respect for human dignity 22:18-27

Respect for those to whom honor is due 22:28-31

Respect for truth 23:1-9

Respect for divine provision 23:10-19

(Taken from: *A Commentary on Exodus* by Duane Garrett)

4. Wholehearted _____ to obey God 24:1-8

A COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD RESULTS IN:

5. Intimate _____ with God 24:9-11

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. ³³ "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the Lord, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people...for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

Luke 22:14-20

Hebrews 9:19-22,28

Isaiah 25:6,9 The Lord of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; a banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, and refined, aged wine....⁹ And it will be said in that day, "Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."

Revelation 19:7-9 Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."⁸ It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.⁹ Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' " And he said to me, "These are true words of God."

FOR NEXT WEEK: READ EXODUS 25-31



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