

God's Glory on the Mountain

"To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."

1 Timothy 1:17

The Arrival at Sinai

On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. 2 They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain,

Exodus 19: 1-2

Time:

Place:

Length:

The Covenant Offered

"...while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people 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 therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all 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 people of Israel." *Exodus 19: 3-6*

Definition of Covenant: An _____ between two parties who make vows to one another to form the basis of a _____

Follows similar form of _____ treaties of the day.

Covenant is between God and the house of Jacob, and the parties are not _____

The Covenant Vows

Each party must keep their _____ for the relationship to continue. In the past, we have studied covenants that were not dependent on both parties.

One Sided Vows in Genesis

Genesis 9 – God covenants with _____ and every living thing

Genesis 12 and 15 – God covenants with _____

Genesis 26 – God covenants with _____

Genesis 28 – God covenants with _____, and *he adds a vow...*

Two Sided Vows of Exodus

God offers the people of Israel a new covenant that has _____ on both sides.

The people's vows: Obey God's voice and keep his covenant

God's vows: Make the people of Israel _____, a kingdom of _____ and a _____.

“You shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine,” –

Israel is to be Yahweh's personal property with a vocation to reveal Yahweh to the nations.

People of the Covenant, Flanders et al.

“and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests...”

A priest _____ for humans to God and to God for humankind. (Mediator)

A priest has special _____ to God.

A priest is allowed to _____ to God in extraordinary way.

“And a holy nation.”

Separate/Distinct

The law is going to do this in both directions. They will separate themselves to stay _____ (Levitical law), others will separate from them b/c of their _____ practices and culture (Moral law)

The People and God Respond

So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. 8 All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD. 9 And the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever.”

When Moses told the words of the people to the LORD, 10 the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments 11 and 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. 12 And you shall set limits for the people all around, saying, “Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death. 13 No

hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot; whether beast or man, he shall not live.’ When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain.” 14 So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people; and they washed their garments. 15 And he said to the people, “Be ready for the third day; do not go near a woman.” Exodus 19: 7-15

The covenant is accepted by the people

God chooses to _____ to his people

God’s Mercy revealed

Consecration of the People

The people must _____ for the King!

God tells Moses to go consecrate the people. Moses as _____ goes down the mountain and consecrates the people.

Consecration is not just getting prepared, also being _____, made holy.

The consecration of the people shows us:

God is King, sovereign

God is holy and unapproachable (1 Timothy 6:15b-16)

God is merciful

The people are sinful

Israel must respect the Holiness of God

God’s Overwhelming Glory

16 “On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. 17 Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. 18 Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. 19 And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. 20 The 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.” Exodus 19: 16-20

The _____ trembled

The _____ trembled

_____ trembled

“Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” Hebrews 12:21

Biblical Imagery of the Glory of God

Thunder and Lightning

Earthquake

Smoke

Dark Cloud

Fire

Trumpet

God warns again and sends Moses to summon Aaron

21 “And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to the LORD to look and many of them perish. 22 Also let the priests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them.” 23 And Moses said to the LORD, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for you yourself warned us, saying, ‘Set limits around the mountain and consecrate it.’” 24 And the LORD said to him, “Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest he break out against them.” 25 So Moses went down to the people and told them.” Ex. 19: 21-25

God found it necessary to _____ his earlier warning.

He includes the _____ in the warning.

God hints at his plan for Aaron.

“22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.” Hebrews 12:22-24

Next Week...The Voice of God from the Mountain!