

24 Sept 2017 Exodus 19-31 Revelation of The Covenant

Big Idea: God prepares us for the future He has planned for us.

Fallen nature: I really can only see what I want more than what God might be doing.

Desired Result: That we would increasingly see the hand of God working in our lives and that we would live lives pleasing to God.

Intro: Faith is a good teacher. If we believe, then God recons us to be righteous. If we believe, we will see the promised land. But faith is not the only teacher God has given His people. God also has given His people Law.

Trans: In today's passage we will see lessons that are best taught by God's Law.

Slide 1 Same map as last week

I. Covenants Call For a Response 19:5

Slide 2: a handshake

* definition - a covenant is an agreement between two parties that you can agree to or reject, but you cannot change the conditions.

If... then

A. The Abrahamic Covenant

1. Go forth and I will bless you
2. Believe that I will bless you
3. Expected response - believe
4. Scope of covenant - unlimited - all who believe

Slide 2: Genesis 15:6

B. The Mosaic Covenant Exod 19:1-8

1. Conditional
2. Expected Response - obedience
3. Scope of covenant - limited - could not lead to salvation, should lead to

faith

4. Codified on a 40 day stay on the mountain 24:12-18

Slide 2:a. Exodus 24:7

Slide 3: Gal 3:19a What, the, was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come.

Slide 4: Gal 3:24 So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.

Teach: The Law keeps us until we can respond in faith to Grace.

Illus: I want my Grandkids to pick up their toys before heading home. But of course they are still little and their desire to play is much higher than their desire to take care of putting toys away. So until they are older, we institute law.

Appli: Keep God's commandments, but know that they are only intended to draw you closer to faith.

II. God Is To Be Revered 19:9-20:11

Slide 5: *person bowing*

A. He Reveals Himself in Power

1. v9 Dense Cloud
2. v12 Come to the mountain, but don't go up
3. v16-18 Thunder and lightning - *everyone trembled, the mountain trembled*

Slide 6: *Exod 20:20*

B. He Tells Us How to treat Him 20:1-11

1. Have no gods before Him - (hobbies, careers, relationships, suffering)
2. Don't make for yourself an idol - (limits God)
3. Don't misuse His name (don't use it to swear with)
4. Keep His Sabbath
 - a. Shows dependence
 - b. Good for us - balance between work and rest
 - c. The day should be holy - set aside for worship and rest

C. He calls us to celebrate Him 23:14

1. v14 Feast of Unleavened Bread
2. v 16 Feast of Harvest - first fruits
3. v16b Feast of Ingathering

Teach: God should still be treated as Holy

Illus: Vacation Worship - family after morning pancakes - parents break out Bible and dedicate the day

Appli: God should have from us "Holy Reverence". We should fear offending Him, not because He will "get us" but because He deserves so much better from us.

III. People Should Be Honored Exod 20:12-

Slide 7: *Pic of an older couple surrounded by their family (like an anniversary picture)*

A. Basic Human dignity 20:12-17

1. v12 Honor mother and father
2. v13 No murder
3. v14 No Adultery
4. v15 No stealing
5. v16 No false witnesses
6. v17 Do not covet

*Slide 8: Honor father and mother
Do not Murder
Do not commit Adultery
Do not Steal
Do not give false testimony
Do not covet*

Slide 9: Matt 22:37-40

- B. Issues with Hebrew servants 21:1-11
- C. Personal Injuries Exod 21:12-36
- D. Personal Property Exod 22
- E. Social Responsibilities 22:16-31
- F. Justice and Mercy 23

Teach: The Law teaches us how to treat one another

Illus: Girl who disrespected her aging grandma - would not clean cat litter box.

Appli: We show that we are people of God by the way we treat other people.
We give honor and treat people with dignity because it honors God (not necessarily because we think that they have earned it)

IV. God's Dwelling Place Is To Be Honored 25-27

Slide 10 Pic of the tabernacle (some artist's rendering)

- A. It required an offering 25:1-8
- B. It required special articles

*Slide 11 Articles in the Tabernacle
Ark 25:10 - with an atonement cover
Table 25:23 - for the bread of the Presence
Lampstand 25:31ff
Alter of Burnt Offering 27:1ff
Alter of Incense 30:1ff
Basing for washing 30:17ff
Anointing oil 30:22ff
Incense 30:34ff*

- C. It required special construction 26; also 27:9-19
 - Curtains v1
 - Frames v15
 - Courtyard 27:9-19

Slide 12: John 1:14

Teach: It is a big deal that God came to dwell among us in the person of Christ

Illus: Missionaries sold themselves into slavery to meet with slaves and share with them Christ. They only had access because they dwelt among them.

Appli: Jesus is our tabernacle

V. We should Honor God's mediators 28-29

Slide 13 Lawyer at table with client in a courtroom situation

A. As those with special garments

Slide 14 Articles of Priest's clothing

1. Ephod 28:6
*v9 two stones with Israel's names
2. Breastpiece 28:15
3. Robe 28:31
4. Turban v37
5. Linen undergarments v42

B. As those consecrated to God 1

1. Offer sacrifice v1-3, 10-14
2. Wash with water v4

Slide 15: 1 Tim 2:5-6

Teach: Jesus is our High priest forever