



WALKING BY FAITH

Preparing to Hear the Word of God

EXODUS 19

THE BOOK OF EXODUS			
Slavery 1-12	Redemption 12-18	The Law 19-24	Tabernacle 25-40

Understanding the _____ of God

"You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself." v. 4

Delivered by God from Egypt

Brought by God to God

Obedience to the _____ of God

"Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant" ... 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. vv. 5a, 8

Abrahamic Covenant: unilateral – unconditional

Mosaic Covenant: bilateral – conditional

Faithfulness to the _____ of God

"... you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 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." vv. 5b-6

A new identity

A higher purpose

A God-like character

Reverence in the _____ of God

... the Lord said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments 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." vv. 10-11

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. And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. vv. 18-19

God is a God of terrifying transcendence.

God is a God of initiating immanence.

QUESTIONS FROM THE MOUNTAIN

Do I have a growing sense of the terrifying _____ of God?

Do I have an informed understanding of my own _____ ?

Do I have the comforting assurance that God has bridged the gap between us by His _____ ?

HOME GROUP STUDY & DEVOTIONAL

As you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read Exodus 19. This chapter is a prelude of preparation for God's revelation of His law. Why do you think God chose such an isolated place for His revelation?
2. What does the illustration of eagles' wings (v. 4) suggest about God's character and actions?
3. Explain what God means by ...
my treasured possession (v. 5)
a kingdom of priests (v. 6)
a holy nation (v. 6)
4. This covenant between God and Israel is a free gift in the sense that before Israel did anything, God saved the nation from slavery because of His promise to Abraham. Yet in another sense the covenant is conditional. What are the conditions and the promise (vv. 5-6) for Israel?
 If ...
 then ...
5. What does God command and do to impress upon Israel His utter holiness (vv. 10-25)? Do these things inform your own view of God? If so, how?
6. Peter applies Exodus 19:6 to Christians (see 1 Pet 2:9). What are some similarities, and some of the most important differences, between Israel and the body of Christ?
7. This chapter contains parallels for how we should prepare our own hearts today for hearing the Word of God. How many can you identify?
8. Would you say that your words and actions demonstrate a reverence for the Lord and a serious grasp of His holiness? In what ways can you be too "casual" about God?
9. What points from the sermon particularly left an impression on you? How will you be translating those into action in the next few days?
10. Take time right now to worship the Holy One. How can you honor Him this week?

God communicated the Mosaic covenant in a way that the Israelites would understand in their cultural context. **The Law of Moses generally follows a structure that parallels ancient Near Eastern suzerain-vassal treaties** whereby a powerful king (suzerain) establishes a covenant with a less powerful ruler or people (vassal). This covenant emphasized the benevolence of God as the suzerain and the obligations of loyalty on the part of Israel as the vassal people. The stipulations of the covenant outline the benefits for obedience and the consequences for disobedience.

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Suzerain/Vassal Treaty

Suzerain Treaty	At Mt. Sinai
Preamble	Ex 20:2a
Historical Prologue	Ex 20:2b
General Stipulations	Ex 20:3-17
Specific Stipulations	Ex 20:22-23:33
Deposit and Periodic Reading	Ex 25:16, 21
Invocation of Witnesses	---
Curses and Blessings	Lev 26
Vassal's Oath of Allegiance	Ex 24:3
Solemn Ceremony	Ex 24:4-11

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I am deeply concerned over the shallowness of our spiritual walk in the American church today. Spiritual depth is rare in these landmark days at the turn of a millennium. Our time with God might as well depend on a flip of the coin—heads I do, tails I don't. If I feel like it, great. If I don't, well, He's a God of grace; He understands. Frankly, I do not find such accommodating nonsense in Scripture—certainly not in a passage like Exodus 19. God is holy. Exalted. He is the only wise God, the Creator, the Maker, the sovereign Lord. He is the Master. He tells me what to do, and I have no safe option but to do it. There is no alternative, no multiple choice. We have but one directive, and that it is to do His will. We reaffirm that truth in our times with Him.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
 2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
 3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
 4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)
- "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:
- "Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."*

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

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BE TRANSFORMED BY TRUTH THIS FALL

There's a place for you to grow in truth with others at Women in the Word and Band of Brothers Bible studies. Week by week, you'll BE a disciple by diving into Scripture and MAKE disciples by walking alongside others, encouraging and strengthening each other's faith. Explore each study and register now on the Men's and Women's pages online!

INVEST IN YOUR MARRIAGE — AT EVERY STAGE

Every relationship has room to grow, and we want to help yours thrive with Christ at the center. Whether you're dating, engaged, newly married, or years into your marriage, Christ Chapel offers resources to help you build connection, strengthen your foundation, and grow together in faith. No matter your season, there's a place for you here. Learn more at ccbcfamily.org/marriage.

FIND HEALING + HOPE THROUGH GOD'S WORD

When life feels heavy or your past still weighs you down, it can be hard to know where to turn. Thrive is a Bible-based course designed to help you process hurt, break unhealthy patterns, and walk in freedom — all within intentional community and with a mentor by your side. Learn more and apply at ccbcfamily.org/thrive.

GATHER, GROW + REACH — JOIN US AT THE 5 P.M.

The heart behind launching our 5 P.M. service is rooted in our BE, MAKE + REACH vision! We want to provide a welcoming space where people who don't regularly attend church can find a smaller community to worship and connect. May we all continue to invite those in our circles — friends, family, neighbors — to meet Jesus. Next Sunday, invite someone to join you at 5 P.M., and let's see what God does next!



IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE The process is quick and easy—scan the QR Code to start.