

EXODUS – LESSON EIGHT

- I. GOD DELIVERS THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND VARIOUS ORDINANCES TO ISRAEL AT MOUNT SINAI (Chapters 20-24)**
- A. God verbally gives ten commandments to all the people (20:1-17).
1. Commandments recognizing and honoring the one true God (v.1-7)
 - a. Have no other gods (v.3)
 - b. Make no idols to worship (v. 4-6)
 - c. Shall not take the name of the Lord in vain (v. 7)
 2. Commandment reverencing the seventh day (v.8-11).
 - a. Remember the seventh day to keep it holy.
 - (1). As God rested on the seventh day from creation, Israel is to rest from their labor.
 - (2), As God made it holy, Israel is to set this day apart from the other days of the week.
 3. Commandment reverencing father and mother (v. 12)
 - a. Honor your father and your mother.
 - (1). Promise: Your days will be prolonged in the land.
 4. Commandments regarding one's neighbor (v. 13-17)
 - a. Do not murder (v.13)
 - b. Do no commit adultery (v.14).
 - c. Do not steal (v.15)
 - d. Do not bear false witness (v. 16)
 - e. Do not covet (v. 17)
- B. People tremble and ask Moses to intercede (v. 18-26).
1. People perceive the thunderings, lightnings, voice of the trumpet and the mountain smoking and tremble and stand afar off.
 2. God tells Moses to remind the people of God's holiness.
 - a. No idols to be made.
 - b. Altar of earth to be made – where God's name is to be remembered.
 - c. Altar of stone can be made, but not of cut stones – use of tool pollutes the altar.
 - d. Do not walk up by steps to altar – keep from exposing nakedness.
- C. God gives various ordinances unto Moses to set before Israel (21:1-23:19).
1. Law concerning servants and masters (21:1-11)
 2. Law concerning personal assaults and injury (21:12-27)
 3. Law concerning oxen that gore people and other animals (21:28-32, 35-36)
 4. Law concerning loss of cattle (21:33-34)
 5. Law concerning stealing of cattle (22:1-4)
 6. Law concerning cattle feeding in another's field (22:5)
 7. Law concerning kindling destructive fires (22:6)
 8. Law concerning stolen or damaged trusts (22:7-15)

9. Law concerning sexual seduction (22:16-17)
 10. Law concerning witchcraft (22:18)
 11. Law concerning having sex with animals (22:19)
 12. Law concerning sacrifices to a god (22:20)
 13. Law concerning treatment of foreigners (22:21)
 14. Law concerning treatment of widows and orphans (22:22-24)
 15. Law concerning loaning money (22:25)
 16. Law concerning pledges (22:26-27)
 17. Law concerning reviling God and rulers (22:28)
 18. Law concerning devotion to firstlings (22:29-30)
 19. Law concerning the eating of torn flesh (22:31)
 20. Law concerning the perversion of honor and justice (23:1-3)
 21. Law concerning showing favor toward enemies (23:4-5)
 22. Law concerning judgment of the poor (23:6)
 23. Law concerning maintaining justice (23:7,8)
 24. Law concerning the oppression of strangers (23:9)
 25. Law concerning the sabbath (23:10-12)
 26. Law concerning mentioning other gods (23:13)
 27. Law concerning three annual feasts (23:14-17)
 28. Law concerning sacrifice and offerings (23:18-19)
- D. God gives Moses various promises and warnings concerning Israel's conquest and stay in the promised land (23:20-33).
- E. The covenant ratified with the people (24:1-8)
1. Moses delivers law – people promise to keep all the words.
 2. Moses writes down law in a book.
 3. Moses constructs altar with twelve pillars – burnt offerings, peace offerings offered of twelve tribes.
 4. Moses reads law from book – people promise to do all that the Lord commands.
 5. Blood sprinkled on altar and people.
- F. Moses ascends mount and sees God with Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and seventy elders (24:9-11, cf. v. 1-2).
1. They see God's glory- feet as pavement of sapphire as clear as the sky.
 2. They see God's glory and eat and drink.
- G. Moses ascends mount to receive ten commandments written on stones and other commandments (relating to tabernacle and worship (24:12-18)).
1. Moses ascends with Joshua – elders are to wait for their return.
 2. Aaron and Hur will take care of matters regarding the people.
 3. Cloud covers mountain for six days.
 4. God calls Moses on seventh day to ascend into midst of cloud – in mount for forty days and nights.

QUESTIONS:

1. Summing up all the Law, upon what two points do the many commandments hang? Give examples.
2. In 20:3, what does “*before me*” say about God and gods?
3. In 20:5-6, what *two points* is God emphasizing about Himself?
4. What does it mean to *take the Lord’s name in vain*?
5. Why was the seventh day to be a day of rest for Israel?
6. What is the first commandment with “promise”? (cf. Ephesians 6:2).
7. The ten commandments were given to govern one’s actions, not his thoughts. (T) (F).
8. The ten commandments were first:
 - a. written by Moses on two tables of stone.
 - b. read to the people by Moses.
 - c. spoken to Moses and all the people by God
 - d. spoken from Heaven in the midst of the cloud to all the people.
 - e. c & d
 - f. a & c
9. What did the people experience that made them tremble?
10. In 20:22-26, how is God’s holiness emphasized?

11. From God's ordinances to Israel, give examples showing that God looks at *accidental* wrongs in a different light than wrongs which occur due to a *deliberate* or even *negligent* spirit?
12. Does Exodus 21:22-23 teach that God condones abortion?
13. What was the penalty for arson?
14. Was it alright to say anything one wants concerning his or her rulers?
15. How is loving your enemy illustrated in the ordinances of God?
16. Name and briefly describe the yearly feasts to be remembered by Israel?
17. In the promised land, what *two things* would be a snare to Israel?
18. How was God's covenant with Israel ratified?
19. What did Moses and the elders see and do when they saw God?
20. Who accompanied Moses into the mount apart from the elders of Israel?
21. What was God's glory like in the eyes of Israel?
22. Moses was in the mount for just seven days. (T) (F)