

Pln05 - **God's Covenant With Moses** - **Exo 14-24**

We're following the Ch's of the Book **MULTIPLY** - It's our HOPE that you'll pick up a Copy of the Book (some in the back)

& **use** these **messages TOGETHER** with the **Book** - to **Grow** in your **Understanding** of **God's Plan of Redemption: Gen to Rev**

Remember - Our **Goal** in this series is;
To **SURVEY God's Plan of Redemption: Gen to Rev**

There **are A LOT** of **things** I could **dig into** today
But **the Point** today - The **M.I.P. For Today**

Is **HOW** The **Law of Moses**
FITS into God's Plan of Redemption - **OK?**

We left the Nation of **Israel walking freely** out of **Egypt**
after **being Redeemed** by God - Thru the **10 Plagues** . . .

& **Ultimately** thru **The PASSOVER** - Where **Israel** was **saved** from
God's **Judgment** by **Faith** in the **Sacrifice** of an **innocent Lamb**

The **Plagues** - & the **Passover** - we're **Awesome** displays
of **God's Power** - & of His **Divine Control** over **creation** . . .

& **the Egyptians** were **NOT** the **only ones** in **AWE**

We **don't** know **Much** about **Israel's FAITH** during 400 yrs in Egypt

It **seems** that they **DID maintain** the **faith** of the **Patriarch's** . . .

But - as far as we know - There was NO VISIBLE MOVE
of God on their behalf - for 400 yrs

& so - Israel was just as "In Awe" of this - AS Egypt Was

Incl'd'g in the FINAL Event of God's Redemption of Israel
That we didn't even GET TO Last Week

& It's NO SMALL Event - In fact - it's one of the Most Significant
Events in all of Israel's History - The Crossing of the RED SEA

After Israel had freely left Egypt - The Pharaoh changed his mind -
& sent his army to chase after Israel & bring them back

Israel (in the meantime) - Had been led by God
right up to the edge of the Un-Crossable RED SEA

While Israel considered what they were gonna do - Someone pointed
to the dust cloud of the Egyptian Army storming towards them

& God's people were in their First Impossible situation
That only the Power of God could deliver them from

& indeed - God PARTED the Red Sea
& All of Israel passed thru on dry ground

& then - as Israel watched from the "Dry Side" - When the Pharaoh's
army tried to follow - God brought the water back over them

& so - after 400 yrs of silence from God - Israel is suddenly
experiencing some of the greatest miracles recorded in the Bible

& **Standing** on the “**Dry Side**” of the **Red Sea**, watching the **Egyptian Army FLOAT** to the **surface** - The **Israelites** had to be **wondering**

WHO IS this God, *Who has done this for us?*

WHY HAS HE done this for us?

WHAT IS He going to do **FOR** (or **TO**) us next?

THOSE are the **Questions** God **ANSWERS**
in His **Covenant with Moses** at **MT SINAI**

Let's Pray

The **LAST Two Vs's** of **EXO 14 Summarize** how **Israel** was feeling
After **coming thru** the **Red Sea**

Exodus 14:30–31 (ESV)

30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

31 Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

That's a GREAT Start for Israel - isn't it ??

& **I'd ask** you to **Make A Mark** right there - & a **Commitment**
To **come back** & carefully **read** thru **EXO 15:1-21**

This is **Israel's Song of VICTORY** - **after** they Saw
the **Great Deliverance** of **God** on their behalf

& **THIS** is the **Same God** who goes before **US** - in **OUR** Battles today
Read it - & **Ask** God how it **APPLIES** to your **own life** (**Exo 15:1-21**)

Unfortunately - The **1st** of **MANY** amazing **acts** of **FAITHLESSNESS** on **Israel's** part - Comes just **THREE VERSES** **after** the great **song of Victory** in **Exo 15**

3 days after the **Red Sea Event** - Israel Got **THIRSTY**
& their **KNEE-JERK** Reaction - was **exactly** the **same as OURS**

They **Immediately** began **Complaining & Questioning God**
Which kinda **kicked off** "**A PATTERN**" for Israel -

HOWEVER - it was **right here** - at the Waters of Marah in **Exo 15:26** -
That **God** responded to Israel - by **revealing Himself** as
"**Jehovah Rapha** (Rophe)" **Yahweh Your Healer** - *I AM Your Healer*

God **revealed Himself** to Israel **AS** their Healer - in **RESPONSE**
to their **Complaining & Questioning** of God (*very interesting*)

In **Ch 16 - Israel** is on their **WAY to Mt Sinai** - & **again** we read in

Exodus 16:2 (NLT)

2 There, too, the whole community of Israel complained about Moses and Aaron.

This time - it was over **FOOD**

& so **God** brought **Quail** from **Heaven**
& **each morning** he left a **flaky-type food** on the ground

The **first morning** - The **Israelites** asked "**What is It?**"
& in **Hebrew** - those **TWO words** are - **MAN-NA** (& so they called it)

In **EXO 17** - is another **wonderful Picture** of **Jesus Christ**
As again the **people complained** they were **going to DIE**

& **God** has Moses **STRIKE the ROCK**, from which
Life Giving Water pours out (as a **picture of Christ**)

Israel also **gets into** their **first Battle** in **EXO 17**

with the **famous text** of **Joshua's army** fighting - With **Aaron** & **Hur**
holding up the **arms** of **Moses** - enabling the victory

& **it was** in **that battle** - In **EXO 17:15**
That God **reveals Himself** to Israel as "**Jehovah NISSI**"
"Yahweh Your VICTORY" - **I AM Your BANNER of VICTORY**

IN CH 18 - A style of **leading God's people** is **put** into **place** by **Moses**
that we **still use today** in the church

& **Finally** - in **EXO 19** - We get to our **Real FOCUS** for today

Israel has **ARRIVED** at **MT SINAI**
& **it's time** for them to **get** to **KNOW GOD** a little better

This **Critical Moment** Begins
with **God calling Moses** up the **Mountain**

& the **FIRST Thing** God does
is **Explain** His **PLAN** for His **PEOPLE**

Exodus 19:3–6 (ESV)

3 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."

This is the beginning of God's Covenant with Moses

AND Thru Moses - God's Covenant with the Nation of Israel

In **V.4** God says - You've **SEEN** the Miracles that **I Have Done** to **REDEEM** you - & to **BRING** You to **MYSELF**

The **PASSOVER**, The **EXODUS**, The **RED SEA** - These are The Miracles that God's People **BECAME KNOWN BY**

& **Israel** was to be God's "**Treasured Possession**" (v.5) - & they were to be a "**Kingdom of Priests**" & a "**Holy Nation**" (v.6)

At **MT SINAI** God wants **Israel** to **KNOW** - **WHO HE IS**
& He wants **Israel** to **KNOW** - **WHO They Are** - **TO HIM**

That is - in essence - **what** God is **doing** at **MT SINAI** - w/ the **LAW**

At **Mt Sinai** - God was **going** to "**Lay down the LAW**" (as it were) - for **HOW Israel's relationship** with Him was **gonna Work**

*These are "The **RULES of the GAME**"*

But **BEFORE** He could do that - **Israel** must **understand** the **concept** of being "**Set Apart**" or **Consecrated** to God

The Terms; HOLY - CONSECRATED - SET APART Are All Similar

They **MEAN** - to **BE MADE READY** to be Used by God

& **THAT** is what God is doing with Israel at **MT SINAI**

God was **Making Israel Ready** to be **USED** by Him - **for** the **World**

Exodus 19:10–11 (ESV)

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.

The people had to **CONSECRATE** themselves

They had to **“Prepare themselves”** - for an **Encounter with God**

& **you & I** must **do** the **same thing** today !!

If we **Desire** the **Power of God** to be **EVIDENT** in **OUR Lives** - we must **Set Ourselves Apart - Prepared for His Use**

& So - ***after*** some **INCREDIBLE “Consecrating”** (Preparing) of the **People** - God began **Delivering The Law** to Moses

He **started** - with an over-riding **TEN COMMANDMENTS** in **EXO 20**

FOUR Commands - VERTICAL - Setting **The Principals**

for Israel’s **Vertical Relationship** with God

Exodus 20:3–8 (ESV)

3 “You shall have no other gods before me.

4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image (no idols) . . .

7 “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain . . .

8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy (set apart)

SIX Commands - HORIZONTAL - Setting **The Principals**
for Israel's **Horizontal Relationships** w/ each other

Exodus 20:12–17 (ESV)

12 “**Honor** your father and your mother . . .

13 “You shall **not murder**.

14 “You shall **not commit adultery**.

15 “You shall **not steal**.

16 “You shall **not bear false witness** . . .

17 “You shall **not covet** . . .”

After Moses was given the **TEN** “Big Picture” **COMMANDS**

He was **also given** more than **100 Detailed Laws**
which **became known** as - **THE BOOK OF THE COVENANT**

These were mostly **EXPANSIONS** of the **TEN COMMANDMENTS**
& they were **NEVER INTENDED** to be **COMPREHENSIVE**

God was Providing **Precedents & Guidelines** that **Spelled Out**
His Expectations in His **Covenant Relationship** with **Israel**

God Made A Promise to the **People** of **Abraham**
HE would be their GOD - & **THEY would be His PEOPLE**

The **LAW** - was a **Tangible GUIDE** - to What **THAT Looked Like**
Israel would **Now KNOW** - What it **MEANT** - To **BE God's People**

The LAW spells out God's **CIVIL, RELIGIOUS, & MORAL**
EXPECTATIONS - for Israel to **BE God's People**

Now - in the **Sermon on the Mount** - in **MAT 5:17 JESUS SAID**

Matthew 5:17 (ESV)

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Jesus **DID NOT** *do away* with the Law - He **FULFILLED the Law**
& - **BECAUSE** of That . . .

Romans 6:14 says - *We no longer live under the Law
Because we now live under God’s Grace*

Galatians 5:18 says - *IF we are led by the Spirit,
we are not under the law*

Galatians 3:24 says - *the law was our tutor to lead us to Christ,
that we might be justified by faith*

We are **no longer UNDER** the LAW
But that **DOES NOT MEAN** we should **Disregard** it

The Law gives us **Insight** into the **Character of God**
& **Insight** into His **Expectations** for **His people**

AND (lstrn closely) - it was **NEVER God’s Intention**
for **the Law** - to **SAVE ANYBODY**

In fact - the Sacrificial System - **BUILT INTO** the Law (Nxt Wk)
was **PROOF** - Ahead of Time - that **GOD KNEW**
that the **LAW ALONE** could **NEVER ATONE** for Sin

BUILT RIGHT INTO the LAW - Is **God’s Plan** for a **Substitutionary
Sacrifice** - to **“Cover Over”** (Atone for) the **penalty** for Sin

The LAW - was **ALWAYS** Looking **forward** to the **Cross of Christ**
As the **Ultimate** & **Final Substitutionary Sacrifice** for Sin

God's people have **ALWAYS** been **Saved**
BY God's **GRACE** - & **THRU** Our **Faith**
*Salvation has **NEVER** come any other way*

There is **NOTHING** in all **the Law** that tells **Israel** they will receive
Salvation by **KEEPING the LAW** - **NOTHING**

The LAW - was About **MAINTAINING** a Relationship With God !!

It gave **Israel** a **Tangible Code of Conduct** - that would **Allow** them
to **Live out** their **Relationship** with a Holy God
in the **Midst** of an **UNGODLY** World

HOWEVER - The Law **DOES** clearly promise
BLESSING for **FOLLOWING** it - & **CURSING** for **REJECTING** it

But that's **NOT the same** as **Eternal Salvation**

& - in a **Relationship sense** - it's the **Same Today** - We are **Blessed**
when we are **walking RIGHTLY** in our **Relationship** with God

& we **suffer** the **CONSEQUENCES** when we **REJECT** God -
& **Walk** down our **OWN Path** (or the **World's** Path) of Sin

God BUILT His **Plan of Redemption** over time

But the **Foundational Truths** of **HOW** God
SAVES us & **REDEEMS** us - have **NEVER changed** !!

Abraham was **Saved BY FAITH** in **GEN 15:6**
& that **DID NOT Change** when God delivered **THE LAW** thru Moses

We've been **STRINGING together** God's **Covenant** -
From **NOAH** - to **ABRAHAM** - to **MOSES**

God PROMISED Abraham:

to **Make** his Descendants into a **Great Nation**
to **Place** them in the **Promised Land** of Canaan
to **Bless the Entire Earth** Thru them - in Jesus Christ

After "**Multipling in Egypt for 400 yrs**"

it was **TIME for Israel** - to **get on** with **God's Plan**

& **this PHASE** of **God's Plan** - Builds Perfectly
Upon God's **Unconditional Covenant** with **Abraham**

& it is always "**Awesome**" to me - to see God's **UNCONDITIONAL**
AND CONDITIONAL Promises - *Work Perfectly together*

God's Covenant to Abraham - Is **UN-CONDITIONAL**
& God **IS** going to Bring **EVERY** Part of it **TO PASS**

AND - AS God Remains **FAITHFUL**
to His **UN-CONDITIONAL Covenant** with **Abraham** . . .

He **ADDS** a **CONDITIONAL ELEMENT** In the **Law of Moses**

Look BACK at Exodus 19:5-6 (ESV)

5 Now therefore, *if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples . . .*

6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation . . .

This Condition - IF you WILL - THEN I WILL
Is Repeated ALL Thru-Out the LAW

But it is **NOT Changing** God's **Unconditional Promise** to **Abraham**

LSTN CAREFULLY - God will **Absolutely Bring**
His **Unconditional Promises** to Pass - **Fully & Completely**

HOWEVER - For YOU & I to **BENEFIT** from that - For us to
APPROPRIATE it to **OUR** Lives - **THAT is CONDITIONAL**

For **These Israelites** to **RECEIVE** the Benefit of **God's Promise**
There is a **CONDITION** - of **FAITH** & **OBEDIENCE**

& **at least THREE TIMES** in this Section on the Law
The Israelites **VERBALLY** Responded - **CORRECTLY**

Exodus 19:8 (ESV)

8 All the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." . . .

Exodus 24:3 (ESV)

3 . . . And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do."

Exodus 24:7 (ESV)

7 . . . And they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient."

There was just **ONE PROBLEM** - **They DIDN'T !!**

They **Didn't Do** what they **said** they were going to

& **ALL BUT Two** of these **ADULTS** - would **DROP DEAD**
in the **Wilderness** - **Never Seeing** the **Promised Land**

Israel's ACTIONS - Didn't Follow Their Words

& Unfortunately - MUCH of the O.T. records the CONSEQUENCES
Of Israel's FAILURE to Remain Faithful to God's Covenant

HOWEVER - - - God's UNCONDITIONAL Promise to Abraham
Would STILL Come to PASS . . . Ultimately IN Jesus Christ

& Next Week - We'll See How (*right within The Law of Moses*) . . .

God clearly laid the Foundation
for Salvation thru Faith in a Substitutionary Sacrifice

Pointing - From the Beginning - to the Ultimate Sacrifice
of Jesus Christ - to Pay the Full Penalty for OUR Sin

& in a Similar way - The Ultimate Sacrifice of Jesus Christ
Also has UNCONDITIONAL & CONDITIONAL Elements

TURN OVER to the Most Famous Vs in the Bible - John 3:16

John 3:16 (ESV)

16 "For God so loved the world (unconditional), that he gave his only Son (unconditional), that whoever (still unconditional) believes in him (Conditional) should not perish but have eternal life.

The word BELIEVE means
to put your FULL Faith & Trust in Jesus Christ

Which the Book of James says
will LEAD to EVIDENCE in Your ACTIONS

Much like God's UN-Conditional/Conditional Promises in the O.T.

God's **Promise of Salvation** in the **N.T.** - Is **UN-Conditional** -
It is **Offered** as a **Free Gift** - to **Every Single Person**

& it is **ALSO** - **CONDITIONAL**

Meaning - for you to **Personally BENEFIT** from God's **Free Gift**
there **IS** a condition - **FAITH** in the **Person** of Jesus Christ

There is a **CONDITION** - For you to **Personally Benefit** from God's
UNCONDITIONAL Offer of Salvation

You **must Put your Full Faith** in **Jesus Christ** - **To The Extent**
that you begin to **FOLLOW HIM** as your Lord

God has **Made a Way** - to **SAVE YOU** from Your Sin -
He has **DONE it ALL** - ***ON your Behalf***

But there IS a Condition

JOHN 1:12 says - You Must **BELIEVE** - & **RECEIVE** . . .

You Must **Put your FAITH** in Jesus Christ - **As Your Savior**
& You Must **RECEIVE Him** into your Life - **As Your Lord**

& Remember - Israel **SAID** they **would** put their **Faith** in God's Plan
& **THEY DID NOT**

& **THE CONSEQUENCES** of that - Seem to me
Like God is saying **TALK IS CHEAP**

Your FAITH is **SEEN** - In your **ACTIONS**

Let's Pray