



Lesson 5

Sermon Review: S is for Sinai

Read Exodus 12:1–27

1. How important is it for Christians to experience our salvation not only as an individual but as a member of the Church? In what ways is an individualistic approach to faith dangerous?
2. Why is it important that the sacrifice lamb must “be without blemish” (verse 5)? What does the Lord do when he sees the lamb’s blood on the doorway (verses 13 and 23). How do these point to the life and work of Jesus Christ in our redemption?
3. The Lord says that he himself will be the one to strike and kill the firstborn of Egypt (verses 12, 23, and 26). How does this make you feel?
4. The Lord says that he will also be passing judgment on the gods of Egypt on the night of Passover (verse 12). What does that mean? Read Ephesians 6:12 to help with your answer.
5. The people’s response to the Lord’s incredible announcement filled with judgment and salvation was to bow their heads and worship. How have the justice and mercy of God affected your heart as we’ve journeyed through the Old Testament?

The Ten Commandments Exodus 20:1–21

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6. Is your tendency to be a rule follower or a rule breaker? What is your initial reaction to reading the ten commandments?
7. God himself speaks directly to the people of Israel at Sinai on this day, not through his servant Moses. Why is this significant?

8. God reminds the people that he is the one who brought them out of the land of Egypt and out of slavery (verse 2). Why does he remind them of this?
9. When you read the word “Sabbath” (verse 8) what thoughts, images, and ideas come to mind?
10. What does it mean when the Lord describes himself as “a jealous God” in verse 5. Is such a jealousy similar to human jealousy? What is the danger of misunderstanding descriptions of God’s emotions?
11. What does it mean to take/bear the Lord’s name in vain? Is it simply a matter of avoiding too many OMG’s?
12. The people trembled before the presence of God on the mountain (verse 18-21) and ask Moses to communicate to God on their behalf. If you were an Israelite, how do you think you would have responded to hearing God speak? How is “the fear of the Lord” different from other types of human fear?
13. How are the Ten Commandments related to *shalom, peace and human flourishing*?
14. How would you respond to a friend who says that the Ten Commandments are outdated and primitive? Think about their application in a civil society. Which ones might an atheist agree with? How do the first three commandments provide the basis for all the rest?

Read Romans 1:21–25

15. How does the Paul expose the folly of violating 2nd commandment forbidding the making of carved images (idols) with God as Creator? What creation language does Paul use?