



“Not A Product But A Participation” | Rev. Tim Frickenschmidt | February 2, 2020

Exodus 19:1-6, 16-18

On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ² They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There

Israel encamped before the mountain, 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.”

¹⁶ On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. ¹⁷ Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸ 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.

1 Peter 1: 22-23; 2:1, 4-5, 9-12

John 21:1-12

Intro Reflection

Read 1 Peter 1: 22-23; 2:1, 4-5, 9-12

Background

Tim highlighted Peter’s description of the Christian life: it’s covenantal, a relational bond that’s all encompassing. As in Exodus 19:4-6, God recounts to his people their history and his faithfulness, gives their covenant stipulations, and tells them that *because they are his* they are a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. His stipulations as well as his promises are met in Jesus Christ. Through Christ then Christians are a temple, a holy priesthood, prophets and kings.

We are therefore called to love, lead, and serve...the world.

Discuss:

1. What does loving others *earnestly* from a pure heart look like?
2. As a wall, you’re a living stone, necessary to this house of God’s people. What does this tangibly mean?
3. Tim said as prophets “we love the gospel into people” and as kings we “lead out to the gospel.” Discuss what this means.

Conclusion/Application

As was true of Israel, is also true now of God’s people The Church. God makes himself, his glory, known in this house, in the midst of our relationships and work. All worship is a participation, not a product.