

# sermon discussion

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## MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES

Exodus 23:20

*A Christophany is when Jesus appears in the OT.*

Exodus 23:21

*Option One: A Severe Warning*

*Option Two: Hyperbole*

*Option Three: Obedience & the Land Are Connected*

Exodus 23:22

*"I will..." appears 12 times.*

Exodus 23:27

*"You shall..." appears 6 times.*

**You are a Self-Portrait.**

Exodus 23:23-30

Exodus 23:23-24

Revelation 7:9

Exodus 23:33

**God's intent is to minimize hostile influences.**

**Our conquest is within ourselves.**

Mark 7:15

Ephesians 6:12

Revelation 3:15-17

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. If you were judge for a day, what's one injustice you would want to correct, and why?
2. **Read Exodus 23:22-33.** How many times did God say he would do something versus telling the Israelites to do it? What do you think that indicates about God's responsibility and Israel's?
3. **Read Exodus 23:27-30 & Ephesians 6:12** about God's patience and wisdom in dealing with Israel's physical enemies and our spiritual ones. Think about an experience of God's patience and wisdom in dealing with one of your spiritual enemies. When have you tried fighting these enemies in your own strength, and how did that turn out?
4. How does remembering we're in a spiritual battle help you to better love, live and share Christ?
5. **Read Exodus 23:20-22.** God promised to send an angel to guard and guide the Israelites into the place He had prepared for them in the future. What instructions did He give to Israel regarding this angel? Who might this angel be?
6. **Read John 16:5-14.** Jesus promised to send someone to guard and guide His disciples upon His departure. Who did He promise to send and what will this person do for His followers?
7. Do you find it more difficult to know and obey God's Word or the Holy Spirit? Is there anything God's Word or His Spirit has been impressing on you recently that you've been resisting?

## GOING FURTHER

**MEMORIZE:** *When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.* **John 16:13 ESV**

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