

A. SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1: Title
Hope In The Law
Exodus 19-24

Slide 2:
Exodus 19:1-8 (ESV)

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. They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, 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: ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. 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; 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.”

So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

Slide 3:
Exodus 20:1-3 (ESV)

And God spoke all these words, saying,
“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
“You shall have no other gods before me.

Slide 4:
Exodus 24:3-8 (ESV)

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who

offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Slide 5:

Do we have to study this?

- 1) Regulatory and boring
- 2) Dictatorial and oppressive

Slide 6:

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Slide 7:

What is the purpose for the Law?

- I. It was not meant as a way to get God to save us

Slide 8:

Exodus 19:4 (ESV)

"You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself."

Exodus 20:1-2 (ESV)

And God spoke all these words, saying,

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

Slide 9:

Re imagining the narrative to match how we often view salvation

Slide-10:

What is the purpose for the Law?

- I. It was not meant as a way to get God to save us

II. So we can become His treasured possession

Exodus 19:5 (ESV)

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

Slide 11:

What is the purpose for the Law?

I. It was not meant as a way to get God to save us

II. So we can become His treasured possession

III. So we can become a holy nation and a priestly kingdom

Exodus 19:6 (ESV)

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

Slide 12:

The clarifying central concept of the new city has shifted from ascending to descending.

Slide 13:

What is the purpose for the Law?

I. It was not meant as a way to get God to save us

II. So we can become His treasured possession

III. So we can become a holy nation and a priestly kingdom

IV. So we can discover the issue with our hearts

Slide 14:

What is the purpose for the Law?

I. It was not meant as a way to get God to save us

II. So we can become His treasured possession

III. So we can become a holy nation and a priestly kingdom

IV. So we can discover the issue with our hearts

V. The law fulfilled by Christ heals our hearts

B. GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1) How would you describe the Law of God? What are the purposes of the law? How do you feel about having a law if you are the Hebrew nation? Have we been released from the Law?
- 2) Does our "performance" of the Law matter? In what ways is that true or not true?
- 3) What is God doing at Mt Sinai? In what way is this like a wedding ceremony? How is God being a strong leader, and how is He being a vulnerable leader?
- 4) Why is it true that God could say to us, "love me with all your heart, and do as you please," and that be enough to direct us as His people? What did Jesus say was the fulfillment of the Law?
- 5) How can God keep the covenant with us when we are unfaithful? How can we be His treasured possession, and holy nation, and kingdom of priests even though we do NOT keep His commands?
- 6) Prayer and praise