

God's Engagement Covenant

Directions: 1) Watch the accompanying video and take notes. 2) Read through the verses and identify key phrases. 3) Go through the discussion questions together and conclude with some prayer.

I. An Engagement Covenant

Exodus 3:12 And He said, Surely I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God upon this mountain.

Exodus 19:3-5 And Moses went up to God, and Jehovah called to him out of the mountain, saying, Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the children of Israel: 4 You 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, then you shall be My personal treasure from among all peoples, for all the earth is Mine.

Jeremiah 2:2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus says Jehovah: / I remember concerning you the kindness of your youth, / The love of your bridal days, / When you followed after Me in the wilderness, / In a land that was not sown.

Ezekiel 16:8 Then I passed by you and saw you; and then was your time a time of love. And I spread My skirt over you and covered your nakedness; indeed I swore unto you and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Lord Jehovah, and you became Mine.

II. The Terms of the Engagement

Exodus 20:1-17 And God spoke all these words, saying, 2 I am Jehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the slave house; 3 You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, nor the form of anything that is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water beneath the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them, and you shall not serve them; for I, Jehovah your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 Yet showing lovingkindness to thousands of generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments. 7 You shall not take the name of Jehovah your God in vain, for Jehovah will not hold guiltless him who takes His name in vain. 8 Remember the Sabbath day so as to sanctify it. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 But the seventh day is a Sabbath to Jehovah your God; you shall not do any work, you nor your son nor your daughter, your male servant nor your female servant, nor your cattle nor the sojourner with you, who is within your gates. 11 For in six days Jehovah made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore Jehovah blessed the Sabbath day and sanctified it. 12 Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be extended upon the land which Jehovah your God is giving you. 13 You shall not kill. 14 You shall not commit adultery. 15 You shall not steal. 16 You shall not testify with false testimony against your neighbor. 17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Luke 10:40-42 But Martha was being drawn about with much serving, and she came up to [Him] and said, Lord, does it not matter to You that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to do her part with me. 41 But the Lord answered and said to her, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; 42 But there is need of one thing, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

III. Developing a Loving Relationship with the Lord

1) _____

Galatians 2:20 ...the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

John 5:40 Yet you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

2) _____

Matthew 6:6 But you, when you pray, enter into your private room, and shut your door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

3) _____

Song of Songs 1:2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! / For your love is better than wine.

4) _____

John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.

1 Corinthians 12:3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking in the Spirit of God says, Jesus [is] accursed; and no one can say, Jesus [is] Lord! except in the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 2:22 But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Discussion Questions

- When you were growing up, what were your impressions of the Ten Commandments?
- How can we show that the Ten Commandments are God's engagement covenant with His people? Can you think of other verses in the Bible that show that we need to love God?
- What has helped you to develop a personal, private, affectionate, and spiritual relationship with the Lord?