

Mosaic Covenant Sealed

Exodus Chapter 24

Exd 24:1 1) Worship at a Distance v. 1 - 3

Then He said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel, and you shall worship at a distance.

Exd 24:2 "Moses alone, however, shall come near to the LORD, but they shall not come near, nor shall the people come up with him."

- Since Chapter 20:22 God has been speaking to Moses individually. But here he calls for the Aaron and his sons and the elders.
- God calls them up yet they are not to draw near but worship from a distance.
- Hebrews 10:22 tells us we can "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."
- Matthew 11:28 Jesus said "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."
- "In the Old Testament God sets the boundaries and God decides how close we can get. In the New Testament God lifts the boundaries and we decide how close we will get." (Focht)

Exd 24:3 Then Moses came and recounted to the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do!"

- Before heading up to the mountain, Moses reviews the 10 commandments and the ordinances before the people. Through these words, God declared His expectations and the people acknowledged their agreement to the keep these.
- The question arises: were they serious or just telling Moses what he wanted them to say?
- I believe the entire Sinai experience was sobering and awesome. These people were serious as to what they were saying. They just didn't know how weak they themselves really were to keep this statement.
- Matthew 26:14 "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."
- The covenant itself needed to be more than a verbal agreement. Some agreements must be in writing:
 - sale of real property
 - if someone promises to pay another's obligation
 - contracts that performance extend beyond a parties lifetime
 - contracts where terms exceed the state's ability to perform

Exd 24:4 2) Entering a Covenant v. 4 - 8

Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. Then he arose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain with twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel.

- **FIRST** - the covenant was written down
- Habakkuk 2:2 "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it."

Exd 24:5 He sent young men of the sons of Israel, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD.

- **SECOND** - the covenant required sacrifice.
- There are 7 essential elements of any contract.
 - Must between two parties that are competent. (sound mind and of majority age)
 - Must be a contract for legal purposes.
 - Must have an offer and an acceptance.
 - Must be consented upon freely
(cannot be coerced, undue influence, misrepresentation, fraud)
 - Must have clear terms. The terms cannot be vague.
 - Must have terms that are possible to perform.
 - Must have lawful consideration.
(It must cost something from both parties and benefit both parties.)
- This covenant has lawful consideration. The benefit to the people is God's presence, protection, blessing, but it is requiring sacrifice. The giving of something precious.

- Exd 24:6 Moses took half of the blood and put {it} in basins, and the {other} half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.
- **THIRD** - The covenant required blood
 - The blood was equally divided.
 - ½ on the Alter. To cover God's requirement
 - ½ in a basin and verse 8 this was sprinkled on the people. To cover Israel's requirement.
 - Leviticus 17:11 "*The life of the flesh is in the blood*" shows us that this blood is a pouring forth of life for one another.
 - Matthew 26:28 shows us the blood saves us "*this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins*"
 - Hebrews 13:20-21 shows us the blood is required for maturity and growth "*Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen*"
- Exd 24:7 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!"
- Exd 24:8 So Moses took the blood and sprinkled {it} on the people, and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."
- **FOURTH** - The covenant required reading, understanding and acceptance
 - "We Will Do" is an agreement and/or fulfillment to the request. (The Performance)
 - "We Will Be Obedient" is a motive of the heart. (The Person)

Exd 24:9 **3) Seeing God and His Glory** v. 9 - 18

- Then Moses went up with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel,
- Exd 24:10 and they saw the God of Israel; and under His feet there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, as clear as the sky itself.
- Exd 24:11 Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the nobles of the sons of Israel; and they saw God, and they ate and drank.
- These are a group of people with a special call. Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and the 70 elders will stand before the people as leaders either as prophets, priests or judge.
 - This group who have is unique position, also has a special privilege. The have seen the God of Israel. This is a great prerequisite for any one who stand before people in a spiritual office. To have an intimate relationship with God
 - What they saw is unsure. Did they just see his feet, a silhouette, or saw Him completely?
 - Deuteronomy 34:10 "*there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face*" only Moses spoke with Him face to face.
 - Exodus 33:20 "*Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.*"
 - They ate and drank seems odd in that food would not be a very high priority if I were beholding God. This speaks of intimate comfortable fellowship.
- Exd 24:12 Now the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and remain there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commandment which I have written for their instruction."
- Exd 24:13 So Moses arose with Joshua his servant, and Moses went up to the mountain of God.
- Moses I invited back up the mountain to God. This time Moses takes Joshua his servant.
 - Joshua is in training to become a great leader in Israel.
 - Exodus 7:6-16 He is mighty in as a warrior
 - Exodus 24:13 He serves Moses
 - Exodus 33:11 He served in the tabernacle with Moses before God
 - Deuteronomy 31 + 34:9 He is charged with leading Israel into the Promised Land
 - Moses will receive the stone tablets of law and commandment on the mountain.

Exd 24:14 But to the elders he said, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a legal matter, let him approach them."

- Moses leaves Aaron and Hur in charge while he is gone.

Exd 24:15 Then Moses went up to the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

Exd 24:16 The glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; and on the seventh day He called to Moses from the midst of the cloud.

- The Glory rested on the mountain
- Moses waited on the Lord for six days. When God finally called to Moses, Moses didn't complain about the wait. He didn't question God what took so long.

Exd 24:17 And to the eyes of the sons of Israel the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the mountain top.

Exd 24:18 Moses entered the midst of the cloud as he went up to the mountain; and Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

- The Glory of the Lord looked like a Raging Fire to those not on the mountain top.
- Moses was in the Glory for 40 days and 40 nights. Not hungering, not in a hurry, not needing to get home or to some seemingly important thing. The Presence of God satisfied all Moses needed.
- 40 days and 40 nights to get the pattern of heavenly things that will guide in the construction of the tabernacle.
 - Exodus 25:9 "According to all that I am going to show you, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it"
 - Hebrews 8:4-5 "there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law; who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned {by God} when he was about to erect the tabernacle;"
 - Hebrews 9:18-28 "Therefore even the first {covenant} was not inaugurated without blood. For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, "THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD COMMANDED YOU." And in the same way he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood. And according to the Law, {one may} almost {say,} all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a {mere} copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; nor was it that He would offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood that is not his own. Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this {comes} judgment, so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without {reference to} sin, to those who eagerly await Him."

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