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EXODUS 19:1-6; 24:3-8

LESSON: PROMISE OF OBEDIENCE — September 18, 2022

INTRODUCTION:

Exodus 18:24-27 Moses listened and heard what Jethro (his father-in-law) had to say, and we assume he went before God with this, and then carried out all the advice Jethro had suggested to him. Moses chose capable men out of Israel, making them heads over the people; rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. They were constantly available to administer justice. They brought the hard cases to Moses, but judged the smaller matters themselves. The help was much needed and now it was time for Moses' father-in-law to depart, and go back to his own land of Midian.

LESSON: I. CAMP EXODUS 19:1-2

19:1 In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. It has taken the children of Israel three months to get to the Wilderness of Sinai, led by Moses. This is a familiar place for Moses, for he had had his "Burning Bush" experience on the back side of the desert. But they finally arrived the third month and the first day of that month they have come to the wilderness of Sinai where God can now declare His great plan for the nation of Israel. The process of bringing the nation into the Promised Land can begin.

19:2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount. The stopping place the Israelites departed from was Rephidim. Rephidim is between the Wilderness of Sin and the Wilderness of Sinai. The Israelites coming from Rephidim pitched camp in the desert of Sinai. They are camped before the Mount of God.

II. CONTACT EXODUS 19:3-6

19:3 And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;— Moses goes up the mountain to God, and the Lord is speaking to him from out of the mountain... "tell the children of Israel..."

19:4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. God wants Moses to recall or bring to the people's remembrance of what He has done, specifically saying "You have seen", meaning this is not anything made up. "You have seen" how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself." This meant that nobody else did this! We all have had been reminded from time to time of something about God's goodness. "Bare" and "Brought" in this instance mean to carry.

¹God had protected the Israelites and he had guided them. He acted like the large, powerful bird called an eagle. Eagles live in high places and they protect their young birds. Deuteronomy 32:11 describes how an eagle teaches her young birds to fly. She causes them to fall out of the nest. If they do not fly, she catches them on her wings. And she carries them, so that they do not have any injury.

²Like the young eagle, the Israelites were in their nest while in Egypt. Though they suffered hardships, disappointments, despair and oppression, they were never out of the watchful, careful eye of God. Swiftly and safely God

¹ <https://www.easyenglish.bible/bible-commentary/exodus-19->

³ <http://crossheart.org/hearttoheart.html>

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removed them from their place of hardship and limitation, distinguishing them from all other nations, having chosen them to be a special people to Himself.

He is also speaking to us now, saying, *"I bore you on eagle's wings."* Every difficult situation is designed by God to teach us to soar, to excel. However, God didn't deliver Israel so they could *"do their own thing,"* nor us, but it was so we all could be God's people at our best in Him. It all comes from and by God that he is able to carry us to the [lace of Himself. He leads and He guides!

19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:— There is a Covenant of condition, and it's stringent and is dependent upon what we do. Moses is hearing all this from the very voice and breathe of God. As God brings them unto Himself, He says: *"therefore, **If you will indeed (certainly) obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure (My prized possession) among all the people, for all the earth is Mine.**"* Nothing belongs to us except it comes from Him! Three things God does for Israel (vv.5-6).

1. A peculiar treasure—a precious possession to be esteemed highly and carefully guarded from all that might injure it. The stipulation is obeying God's voice and keeping His covenant!

19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. And these were the encouraging words that Moses was to speak to the children of Israel.

2. A kingdom of priests—Priests are like ambassadors, mediating between the one they represent (God) and the ones to whom they are representing (man).
3. An holy nation— separated and set-apart for God

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Chapter 23:24-33 24The children of Israel were to reverence God alone, for they are not to bow down, serve, or follow (imitate) their evil example, but their enemy's images are to be utterly overthrow and torn down (destroyed). 25This is where they are to utterly serve and worship the Lord God. He will bless their bread and water and will take sickness away from the midst of them; 26no lost in childbirth and none barren in the land, for God will bring to completion the full number of their days. 27God gives assurance that He will even send fear before all the people who will come to destroy them, and all that will be seen will be their backs as they're turning away. 28God's plan is to send hornets to drive out the Hivite, Canaanite, and the Hittite from before them, 29but it won't happen right away; not in the first year. Why?-Because the land would become desolate; making it a wilderness, and multiplying the beast of the field. 30No, it will occur little by little until His people will increase and become numerous and strong, populating to inherit the land. 31Israel's borders are to extend clear to the Red Sea and from the eastern deserts to the Mediterranean Sea on the west. By doing so, God Himself will deliver the inhabitants of the land unto the Israelites hand, and the Israelites will drive them out! 32They are not to make any covenant with them, nor their gods. 33And lastly, they are not even to dwell in the land the Lord gives them (Israelites). Why? -Lest their enemy make (persuade) them to sin against the One True God. God is not playing for He says *"If they do serve their gods, it will surely be a snare (a stumblingblock; an endanger; an utter disaster) to them!"*

24:1 And he said unto Moses, Come up unto the Lord, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off. God tells Moses to come up to the Lord, and bring others like Aaron (Moses' brother), Nadab and Abihu (Aaron's sons), and 70 elders of Israel. However those names called were to worship God (bow down before Him) from afar off. God teaches us that His presence is everywhere,





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whether on the mountain top or the valley low, in the church building or in your home. Worship prepares you to meet God.

24:2 And Moses alone shall come near the Lord: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him. Moses was the only one to come near the Lord, while Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel had to worship the LORD from a distance. The rest of the Israelite people were not permitted to go up the mountain at all.

III. CONFORMITY EXODUS 24:3-8

24:3 And Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the Lord hath said will we do. Now, Moses goes down from the mountain to the people and recites all the words the Lord had spoken to him for them; all the judgements (ordinances; legal instructions), and all the voices of the people unanimously became one voice in their reply: *"All the words which the Lord hath said will we do."* This becomes a binding agreement between God and the people. They unanimously agree with one voice of what Moses had brought from God to them! This is a Covenant which will later be spoken of and finalized with the sprinkling of blood in verse 8. Also, be careful of what you agree to when saying Amen! Make sure your Amen is the truth of God's Word; Amen means *"So be it"*; a declaration of affirmation!

24:4 And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. Moses commits to record and write down everything the Lord had said. He rises early in the morning and builds an altar under the hill on behalf of the LORD. He builds 12 tall stones on behalf of the tribes: 1 stone for each of the 12 families (tribes) of Israel. The LORD and the tribes would be the two sides in the covenant.

24:5 And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the Lord. After building the altar unto the LORD, Moses sent some of the young men of the children of Israel to offer burnt offering and peace offerings of oxen unto the Lord. The *"burnt offering"* is where the entire animal is burned on the altar, symbolizing total commitment or surrender to God. The *"peace offering"* is the sacrificial offering made to assure communion with God; procuring peace or reconciliation.

24:6 And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. From the burnt offering and peace offerings, Moses takes half the blood from the slain oxen and puts it in basons (bowls), and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

24:7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient. Then Moses read from the Book of the Covenant in the audience of the people and they all agreed in covenant by doing and being obedient to what the Lord had said. Remember in verse 4 Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. This begins his Book of the Covenant so the people could remember to be obedient to all that was spoken and of what they had agreed to.

24:8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words. No doubt about it, they were not going to forget this. After the reading of the covenant Moses takes another step to complete the covenant: *"Moses took the blood and sprinkled it upon the people saying Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words."* ³The blood on the altar and the blood on the people brought the

³ <https://www.easyenglish.bible/bible-commentary/exodus-19-31-im-lbw.htm>
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covenant into effect. Sprinkling the blood on the people not only cleansed the people, it also consecrated them to keep the covenant. After this time, they must always obey everything that was in the covenant.

SUMMARY: EXODUS 19:1-6

The Israelites departing from Rephidim pitched camp in the desert of Sinai. It has taken the children of Israel three months to get to the Wilderness of Sinai after coming out of the land of Egypt. There they camped before the Mount of God (**19:1-2**).

Moses goes up the mountain to God, and the Lord speaks to him from out of the mountain. Tell the children of Israel to recall or bring to their remembrance of what He has done. They have seen "how I bore them on eagles' wings, and brought them to Myself." This meant that nobody else did this. God didn't deliver Israel so they could "*do their own thing*," but it was so they all could be God's people at their best in Him. There is a Covenant involved. And it is stringent and is dependent upon what we do. "*Therefore, **if** you will indeed (certainly) obey My voice and keep My covenant, **then** you shall be a peculiar treasure (My prized possession) among **all** the people, for **all** the earth is Mine.*" "*And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.*" The stipulation is obeying God's voice and keeping His covenant (**19:2-6**).

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Moses goes down from the mountain to the people and recites all the words the Lord had spoken to him for them; all the judgments (ordinances; legal instructions), and all the voices of the people unanimously became one voice in their reply of what Moses had brought from God to them. This becomes a binding agreement between God and the people. Moses commits to record and write down everything the Lord had said. He rises early in the morning and builds an altar under the hill on behalf of the LORD. He builds 12 tall stones on behalf of the tribes: 1 stone for each of the 12 families (tribes) of Israel. The LORD and the tribes would be the two sides in the covenant. Moses sends some of the young men of the children of Israel to offer burnt offerings and peace offerings of oxen unto the Lord. From the burnt offering and peace offerings, Moses takes half the blood from the slain oxen and puts it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. Then he reads from the Book of the Covenant in the audience of the people and they all agreed to become a covenant people unto the LORD by doing and being obedient to what the Lord had said. Thus after the reading of the covenant, Moses takes another step to complete this covenant. He takes this blood and sprinkles it upon the people which cleansed and consecrated them to keep the covenant (**24:3-8**).