

YOUR JOURNEY TO JESUS

Bible Study Group



He Changes the Hearts and
Minds of All Who Receive Him

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Exodus 20 – The Ten Commandments

Good evening. Grace, mercy, peace, and many blessings to you all and your families. Tonight, we begin our study of Exodus Chapter 20 starting with our commentary and foundational scriptures. So far, we have learned about the journey Israel made from Egypt to the wilderness of Sinai where God spoke with Moses and instructed him to speak to the people of Israel. Moses was to remind them of all the Lord had done for them and what God's desire was, and still is for His people ([Exodus 19:3-6](#); [2 Chronicles 7:13-14](#)).

The Major Events That Took Place in Exodus 19

1. The appointment with God (*God tells Moses to inform Israel He would meet with them in 3 days*).
2. Preparation and consecration (*The people were instructed to wash their clothes, prepare their hearts, and the men were not allowed to be intimate with their wives during the three-day period*).
3. Instructions given on conduct (*the people were not allowed to come up the mountain, instead they stood at the foot of the mountain; only Moses and Aaron were allowed to come up the mountain; the priests were allowed to come near, but they were not allowed to come up the mountain*).
4. Penalty for attempting to come up the mountain (*anyone violating the commands concerning the mountain would face immediate death*).
5. God's presence is manifested before the people (*the power of His presence was shown through thundering, lightning, a thick cloud, the blast of the trumpet which sounded long and became louder and louder, the quaking of the mountain, and smoke and fire*).

Major Events That Takes Place in Exodus 20

1. The Ten Commandments (*set the boundaries for divine fellowship with God*).
2. The corruption of the golden calf (*tore apart divine fellowship with God*).
3. The construction of the alter (*gave way to the restoration of divine fellowship with God*).

4. God's holy presence and His voice (*the power of God's presence struck fear in the hearts and minds of Israel*).

Israel's Constant Rebellion, and the Rebellion of Many Today

Regardless of all the examples God provided to the people of Israel, the spirit of rebellion always managed to overcome them; causing them to rebel against the Lord God Almighty.

- [Deuteronomy 5:1-32](#) (*Moses goes over the ten commandments with the people again*).
- [Deuteronomy 31:26-29](#) (*Moses knew the hearts of the people, he knew their rebellious nature, and he knew them to be a people who would continually fall away from God*).

Even today, regardless of the blood Jesus Christ shed on the cross at Calvary; regardless of the examples he gave to all, and the fact that he died for the sins of many; there are still many who choose to remain content in their sin, unbelief, unfaithfulness, and rebellious nature. They have become friends of the world; therefore, they have become enemies of God ([1 John 2:15-17](#)). The good news is that God has provided us a way out through His Son Jesus Christ ([Romans 5:1-11](#); [John 14:1-7](#); [Hebrews 4:1-7](#)).

The children of Israel chose rebellion just as many have today; but know this, the days are now here which were prophesied since the beginning. Those days have been and are being fulfilled just as they were spoken. Yet again, the people have no understanding and they choose to stand in utter darkness; ignorant of the things which are now here and the things which are yet to come ([Matthew 24:3-14](#); [2 Timothy 3:1-9,12-17](#)). Choose in this day whom you will serve; as for me and my house, we serve the Lord ([Joshua 24:14-15](#)).

OLD

NEW

1st Covenant

2nd Covenant

RIGHTEOUSNESS

of

LAW

RIGHTEOUSNESS

of

CHRIST

Hebrews 8:7

condemnation

reconciliation

OLD Covenant

RIGHTEOUSNESS
of LAW

1. Blood of animals
2. Written on stone
3. Shadow
4. Glorious
5. Had an end
6. Law of Moses
7. Law of works
8. Law of sin and death
9. Many sacrifices
10. Powerless to save
11. Annual atonement
12. Earthly tabernacle
13. Ministry of death
14. Outer form - flesh
15. Ministry of condemnation

1st Covenant

For
if the first
covenant had
been faultless
then should
no place have
been sought
for the second.

Hebrews 8:7

NEW Covenant

RIGHTEOUSNESS
of CHRIST

1. Blood of Christ
2. Written on hearts
3. Substance
4. More Glorious
5. Has no end
6. Law of Messiah
7. Law of faith
8. Law of Spirit of Life
9. One Sacrifices
10. Powerful to save
11. Eternal atonement
12. Heavenly tabernacle
13. Ministry of life
14. Inner reality - spirit
15. Ministry of reconciliation

2nd Covenant

JESUS CHRIST

Hebrews 13:8

*the same yesterday,
and today, and forever.*