

Life of Moses Study (November 22, 2020)

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ Exodus 24:1-11

NOTE: In Exodus chapters 20-23, God gives the people His law in the form of a covenant. After receiving the 10 commandments, they received detailed instructions regarding everyday situations involving things like slavery, personal injury, loss of property and social justice. The purpose was to give the Israelites guidelines to live as a just society and as a people set apart to the Lord.

1. After the terms for the covenant were stipulated, what did God promise and under what conditions (Exodus 23:20-33)?

2. What lessons about God do you think the people learned from the three different levels of proximity to the Lord's presence that were specified (Exodus 3:5; 24:1-2; 1 Samuel 2:2)?

CHALLENGE QUESTION: How would this prepare the people for the pattern of the coming tabernacle (Exodus 25:1, 8-9 and other passages you find concerning the tabernacle)?

3. Discuss Israel's need for Moses' role. How did this point to the One who would meet our greatest need (1 Timothy 2:5; John 14:6; Hebrews 3:1-6; 12:24)?

4. **NOTE REGARDING THE BURNT AND PEACE OFFERINGS:** "The nature of these burnt and fellowship [peace] offerings is significant. Burnt offerings are typically made for atonement for sin and consecration, that is, devotion and commitment to God. Fellowship [peace] offerings celebrate fellowship with God. The nature of these two offerings parallels how the blood of the sacrifices was used. One half was sprinkled on the altar, while the other half was put in bowls (v. 6) and was sprinkled on the people (v. 8). The former represents sin atonement (burnt offerings), the latter fellowship...this blood sprinkled on the people indicates that the fellowship between them and God has just been confirmed. That is why it is called 'blood of the covenant.' " (The NIV Life Application Commentary-Exodus by Peter Enns)

How does the use of blood at confirmation of the covenant on Mt. Sinai foreshadow the greater sacrifice of Christ (Matthew 26:28; Ephesians 1:7, 2:13; Colossians 1:19-20)?

5. God said in Exodus 33:20, "You cannot see my face, for man should not see me and live" and John 1:18 states, "No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known." Since Scripture does not contradict itself, what are your thoughts regarding Moses and the others seeing "the God of Israel" (Exodus 24:9-11)?

6. The LORD called Moses, Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel to come to Him. They accepted His call and terms, to find that "he did not lay his hand" on them and so they feasted with God in celebration of the covenant. Have you responded to God's call to come to Him? What assurance can you have that He will not "lay his hand" on you?

7. On Mt. Sinai the celebration meal of the covenant bond between God and His people anticipates what other covenant meals (Matthew 26:26-29; Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 19:9)? In what ways do you and/or will you participate in celebrating?