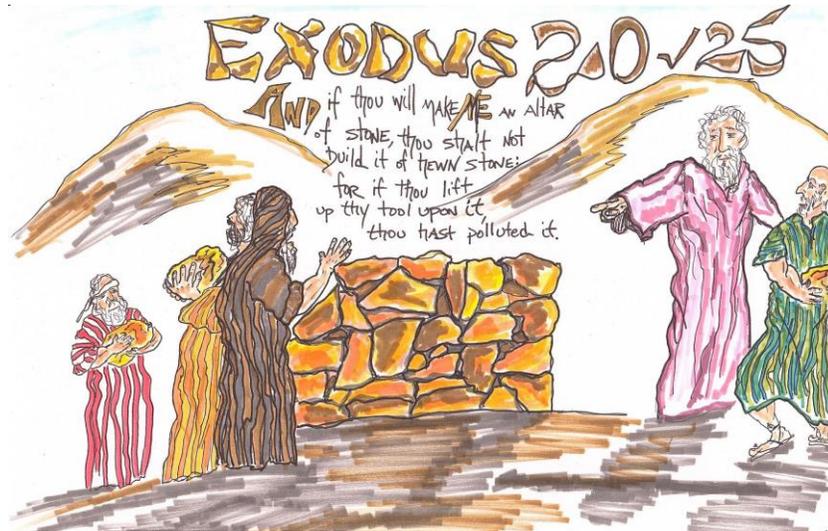


FALL QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2017
THEME – COVENANT WITH GOD
UNIT II – CALLED INTO COVENANT WITH GOD

**“GOD FURTHER DEMONSTRATES THE HOLY CHARACTER
OF HIMSELF AND THE COVENANT AT SINAI”**



Sunday School Lesson VII – October 15, 2017

Lesson Presented by Rev. Frank A. Davis, III Pastor-Teacher

Lesson Text: Exodus 20:18-26

Required Reading: Exodus 20:1-26

Motto Text: Exodus 20:18-20 (NLT), *“When the people heard the thunder and the loud blast of the ram’s horn, and when they saw the flashes of lightning and the smoke billowing from the mountain, they stood at a distance, trembling with fear. And they said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen. But don’t let God speak directly to us, or we will die!” “Don’t be afraid,” Moses answered them, “for God has come in this way to test you, and so that your fear of him will keep you from sinning!”*”

Reliable Resources: Logos Bible Software; Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Precepts for Living (UMI); Standard Commentary; Word Search 10 Electronic Library; H. L. Wilmington’s Guide to the Bible; The Pentateuch by L. Thomas Holdcroft; The New Pilgrim Edition Study Bible; Bible Knowledge Commentary; Life Application Bible Notes

INTRODUCTION

At this continuation of the Sinai experience with Jehovah, Israel and Moses are truly brought to the clearest knowledge of Jehovah’s intention. Without question, He is the Supreme Ruler of the universe. After the Lord had brought Moses and the Israelites to Mt. Sinai, God told Moses to prepare the people to hear from Him! (Read Exodus 19:10-15)

But who is Israel’s God? He is Jehovah, according to noted scholar Herbert Lockyer. Note his findings: “The name Jehovah occurs about 7,000 times in the Old Testament. In the Psalms alone, it is used some 700 times.” Other theologians define Jehovah as, “He that always was, that always is and ever is to come!” Three points to consider concerning Jehovah: According to verse 3, He is unrivaled! Verse 4, He is unique! Verse 5, He is unusual!

Now let us note our **Anticipated Power Points**: His character and covenant are revealed through...

- **His Decalogue!** Exodus 20:1-17
- **His Demonstrations!** Exodus 20:18-23
- **His Demands!** Exodus 20:24-76

LESSON EXPOSITION

I. His Decalogue. Exodus 20:1-17

As a background, one should truly read and absorb the Decalogue, or, as they are called, The Ten Commandments, not options. Now according to the Bible Knowledge Commentary, they are summarized as “Ten Divine Rules For Human Conduct. Rules of (1) Religion, (2) Worship, (3) Reverence, (4) Time, (5) Authority, (6) Life, (7) Purity, (8) Property, (9) Tongue, and (10) Contentment.” Now this Decalogue can be summarized in a short list: (1) Have no other gods before God; (2) Make no idols; (3) Take not the Lord’s Name in vain; (4) Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy; (5) Honor your father and mother; (6) Do not murder; (7) Do not commit adultery; (8) Do not steal; (9) Do not bear false witness against our neighbor and (10) Do not covet anything or one!

II. His Demonstrations! Exodus 20:18-23

God now displays His awesomeness and power so that the Israelites will be able to understand Proverbs 1:7 and 9:10. Proverbs 1:7, *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”* Proverbs 9:10, *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.”* (Read vs. 18-21 out loud!)

Now remember these words from Life Application Bible Notes: “Sometimes God speaks to His people with a majestic display of power; at other times He speaks quietly. Why the difference? God speaks in the way that best accomplishes His purpose. At Sinai, the awesome display of light and sound was necessary to show Israel God’s great power and authority. Only then would they listen to Moses and Aaron.”

But in I Kings 19:12 concerning God’s voice to Elijah, note: *“And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.”* God uses whatever is necessary to try or prove His people. Remember the Lord declares that His people know His voice and they will not follow strangers (Jn. 10:4-5).

III. His Demands! Exodus 20:24-26

According to Life Application Bible Notes, here are the following:

“Why were specific directions given for building altars? God’s people had no Bible and few religious traditions to learn from. God had to start from scratch and teach them how to worship Him. God gave specific instructions about building altars because He wanted to control the way sacrifices were offered. To prevent idolatry from creeping into worship, God did not allow the altar stones to be cut or shaped into any form. Nor did God let the people build an altar just anywhere. This was designed to prevent them from starting their own religion or making changes in the way God wanted things done. God is not against creativity, but He is against us creating our own religions. Remember Genesis 11 and the Tower of Babel! Also, these same people went “buck wild” in Exodus 32!

CLOSING

Jesus Christ totally endorsed and fulfilled the Ten Commandments: Ex. 20:3 vs. Matt. 4:10; Ex. 20:4 vs. Luke 16:13; Ex. 20:7 vs. Matt. 5:34; Ex. 20:8 vs. Mk. 2:27-28. Note also Ex. 20:12 vs. Matt. 10:37; Ex. 20:13 vs. Matt. 5:22; Ex. 20:14 vs. Matt. 5:28; Ex. 20:15 vs. Matt. 5:40; Ex. 20:16 vs. Matt. 12:36; Ex. 20:17 vs. Luke 12:15! Thank God that Christ is the fulfillment of the Law. Romans 10:4-13 sums it up, *“For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*



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