

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

“FREE AT LAST...GOD PRESENTS HIS COVENANT TO ISRAEL”



Sunday School Lesson VI – October 8, 2017

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

- Lesson Text:** Exodus 19:16-25
- Required Reading:** Exodus 19:1-25
- Motto Text:** Exodus 19:17 (NLT), *“Moses led them out from the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.”*
- 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

INTRODUCTION

According to L. Thomas Holdcroft’s book **The Pentateuch**, “...The exodus has been on the fourteenth day of the first month (12:2, 6); the arrival at Sinai is reported to have been on the first day of the third month. Traditionally, there are said to have been two days of preliminaries, and three designated days involved in giving the law, or a total of five in all. Thus, the giving of the law is said to have been completed in just 50 days after the exodus. This same day was later observed at the Feast of Pentecost.”

Beloved, God had allowed the Seed of Abraham to have served over 400 years in bondage, but by the power of His might, now has delivered them and was ready to establish them as His wonderful covenant people! Free at last, they are now to receive God’s great covenant with Him!

In verses 1-3, God has established the place to meet them. In vss. 4-15, God’s chosen prophet Moses, receives instructions and becomes the mediator between God and the people of Israel! **Free at last!**

According to H.L. Wilmington, the people of Israel settled at the foot of Mt. Sinai “on June 15, 1445 BC and remained there for 11 months and 5 days.” (Exodus 19:1 – Numbers 10:11)

All the Feasts and Festivals of Israel are summarized in the New Pilgrim Edition Study Bible on page 218.

Anticipated Power Points for this week’s lesson, “Free at Last...God Presents His Covenant to Israel”:

- **The Awesomeness of God’s Presence. Exodus 19:16-19**
- **The Assistance of God’s Prophet. Exodus 19:19-25**

For over 400 years, Israel was an enslaved people who was rudely treated by the nation of Egypt. But this was not a mistake but a prophetic truth spoken over 400 years before to Abram the Father of this nation by God. Genesis 15:13-15 (NLT), *“Then the LORD said to Abram, “You can be sure that your descendants will be strangers in a foreign land, where they will be oppressed as slaves for 400 years. But I will punish the nation that enslaves them, and in the end they will come away with great wealth. (As for you, you will die in peace and be buried at a ripe old age.)”*”

LESSON EXPOSITION

I. The Awesomeness of God’s Presence. Exodus 19:16-19 (NLT)

Beloved, God is no “panty-waisted” weakling that stands at the apex of the universe. The Lord is the awesome God, to whom *“Every knee shall bow; and every tongue confess!”* (Read Isaiah 45:23 and Romans 14:11)

- A. Colossians 1:16 (NLT), *“for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can’t see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.”*
- B. I Chronicles 29:11 (NLT), *“Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things.”*
- C. Deuteronomy 7:19 (NLT), *“Remember the great terrors the LORD your God sent against them. You saw it all with your own eyes! And remember the miraculous signs and wonders, and the strong hand and powerful arm with which he brought you out of Egypt. The LORD your God will use this same power against all the people you fear.”*
- D. Deuteronomy 10:17(NLT), *“For the LORD your God is the God of gods and Lord of lords. He is the great God, the mighty and awesome God, who shows no partiality and cannot be bribed.”*
- E. I Chronicles 16:25 (NLT), *“Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods.”*

Oh, may our nation and the nations of the world bow down and offer profound reverence to our awesome God! Revelation 19:11-16 (NLT), *“Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.”*

II. The Assistance of God’s Prophet. Exodus 19:19-25 (NLT)

Quoting Precepts for Living, page 71, “In these verses, Moses’ position as the leader of this movement is reemphasized. It was initially showcased in Egypt with his interactions with Pharaoh. Here he remains as God’s choice to be the mediator between Him and the people. In verse 17, Moses leads the people to meet God. In verse 19, Moses converses with God...In verse 20, God only calls Moses up to the mountain and not the priest. A constant going to and fro from the mountain shows God and Moses exchanging dialogue and continuing their relationship.”

Beloved, God chooses who shall stand for Him as His representative. We are blessed that through Jesus Christ we have access. Ephesians 2:18 (NLT), *“Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.”*

CLOSING

Remember what God did for Israel and what Jesus Christ does for us! Our covenant relationship with Christ causes us to be **“Free at Last”** and in perfect relationship. John 8:36 tells us, *“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”*



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