

# Whatever You Say We Will Do

(Part 1 of 3)

## Exodus 19-20

Psalms 119:1-8; Ephesians 2:1-10



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## Pressing Forward into 2023

- Being a Disciple - **D** for **DUTY/DOING**
  - **Only those who DO God's will go to Heaven.**
  - James 1:22; Matthew 7:21, 24-29; 28:20; 1 John 2:3-4; 3:7
- Catechism & Meditation

## God's Eternal Purpose

## The Glorious Gospel So Far

## Mini-Series: The Law and the Disciple of Christ

- How do you view the Law of God?
  - ✗ Sinners are saved by obeying the Law of God.
  - ★ The Law of God is a rule of life for believers and unbelievers.
  - ✗ A disciple has nothing to do with the Law of God because he/she is under grace.
- What Law are we talking about? There are three:
  - ① **The Law of God** - His MORAL Law - This Law is an expression of His love and His will for all mankind. This is His Law that He has written on every man's heart (Romans 2:14-15). It does not change.
  - ② **The Law of Moses** - God's moral law plus God's ceremonial and judicial laws that He gave to Israel as a nation.
  - ③ **The Law of Christ** - God's moral law and Christ's commands given through His apostles (as written in His NT), the hand of Christ, our Mediator.
- Why a mini-series? We live in an age of lawlessness - in the world and in Christianity. (2 Timothy 3:1-5; 4:3-4)
  - There is so much evil in the world **because** the God of the universe and His Law have been "cast behind" men's (believers and unbelievers) backs and ignored! (1 Kings 14:9; Neh 9:26; Psalm 50:17; Hosea 4:6; Ezek 23:35)
  - In and out of the Church there is the self-centeredness, self-righteousness, self-sufficiency, self-esteem, materialism, **indifference**, pride, complacency, laziness, ignorance, individualism, etc.
  - We are living under God's judgment TODAY and many in the Church have no idea and are ignorant of the times. **There is no fear of God!** (1 Chron 12:32; Psalm 36:1; Romans 3:18; Eccl 12:13-14; Psa 112:1; 1 Pet 2:17; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Hebrews 12:14)

- God commands men EVERYWHERE to repent because He has appointed a day when He will judge ALL men according to His Law. (Acts 17:30-31; Eccl 12:13-14; Psalm 96:13; 98:9; Luke 13:1-5; 2 Cor 5:8-10; 2 Tim 4:1; 1 Peter 4:5; 1:15-16; Hebrews 4:13; 9:28; Rev 20:11-15)

★ **PREPARE TO MEET YOUR GOD!** (Amos 4:12)

## At Sinai (Exodus 19)

- (Exodus 3:12) Just as promised by God!
- (Exodus 19:3-4) “You have seen what I have done.”
  - “You have seen what I did to the Egyptians!” - as I promised Abraham in Genesis 15:13-16 - about 500 years earlier.
  - “**How I brought you to Myself.**”
- (Exodus 19:5) **THEREFORE . . .**
- (Exodus 19:5-6) “If you will obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me **above all people**; *for all the earth is Mine*. You shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”
- At this time, all the nations of the world belonged to God, but God chose Israel to be His treasured possession. (Deut 7:6; 14:2; 26:18; Psalm 135:4)
- God’s choice was not based on anything that Israel had done! It was purely by God’s love, His sovereign grace, and His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob!
- God’s promises:
  - They would be royal priests to serve God and God’s people.
  - They would be a holy nation. A nation set apart for God’s work.
  - These PRIVILEGES could only be realized and enjoyed if they obeyed!
  - (1 Peter 2:5, 9) Christians are chosen, citizens of one holy nation, and royal priests.
- (Exodus 19:8) “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

## Prepare to Meet Your God (vv. 9-25)

- (v. 9) “Behold, I come to you in a thick cloud . . .”
- (v. 10-11) NOT just as you are.
- People trembling - the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge. (Exodus 19:16-19)
- God was about to speak His Law to His people and the people needed to know the seriousness of God and His Law.
- God was teaching His people the distance between a holy, holy, holy God and sinful man.
- Throughout the Old Testament the people of God had to keep their distance. They had no direct access to God.
- BUT, in the New Testament, God came down to dwell with His people! Christ came as “Immanuel” (God with us!) (John 1:1, 14; Matthew 1:23)
- (Hebrews 10:1-25) By His death and resurrection, Christ made a NEW and OPEN way to God! (Matthew 27:51; Hebrews 10:20; John 14:6)
- (vv. 16-19; 20:18-20) God comes in a storm. The lightning, thunder, trumpet sounds displayed the greatness and awesomeness of God. (See Daniel 7:9-10)
- God was saying, “This is no small event! This is serious! You are My people and today I give you My Law!”

## God Speaks (Exodus 20:1-21)

- GOD (*Elohiym*) speaks! God speaks as the Creator. (Deuteronomy 4:33, 36; 5:4, 22)
- (vv. 1-2) GRACE - "I AM the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the house of bondage" - You now belong to Me. Serve Me. (Exodus 3:12; 4:23; 8:20)
- (vv. 3-17) GOD's MORAL LAW - 10 Commandments.
  - Only Law written by the finger of God. (Exodus 31:18; 32:16)
  - Only Law spoken by God to His people directly. (Exodus 20:1)
  - Only Law preserved in the Ark of the Covenant! (Exodus 25:16)

## God Has Laws

- Where's the Law today?
- As Creator, God commands His creatures. Creatures, believers and unbelievers, are obligated to obey God. Not to obey is SIN against God.
- As LORD of lords, God commands obedience from all men.
- As King, God's Word is His Law for His citizens.
- As Father, God commands His children and His children are obligated to obey.
- MEDITATE: The opposite is ANARCHY.
- (1 John 3:4) Sin is lawlessness! Sin is anything contrary to the Law of God.
  - God commands men to **continually** repent of their sins. (Acts 17:30-31)
  - If men refuse to repent, they will perish. (Luke 13:1-5)
- God's people are obligated to obey God's Law because He is their Creator and He redeemed them to Himself!
- Many today ignore the over 450 commands (imperative verbs) of God in Romans-Jude!  
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## God's Law Is Good, Holy, and Just (Romans 7:12)

- (Deuteronomy 4:8) It is a great privilege to have the Law of God!
- (Deuteronomy 6:24) The Law was given for our good. (Deut 10:13)
- (Psalm 19:7-12) The Law of the LORD is PERFECT, SURE, RIGHT, PURE!
- God's people TREMBLE at God's Law. (Isaiah 66:2; Ezra 9:4; 10:3; Psalm 2:11; 119:120, 161; Philippians 2:12; Hebrews 12:28-29)
- God's people DELIGHT in His Law. (Psalm 1:1-3; Romans 7:22; Psalm 119:16, 24, 35, 47, 70, 77, 92, 174; **Psalm 112:1**)
- God's people TREASURE His Law. (Job 23:12) - even more than their **necessary** food!
- God's people desire God's Law more than fine gold. (Psalm 19:9-10; 119:14, 72, 127, 162)
- God's people LOVE God's Law. (Psalm 119:97, 113, 127, 159, 165, **167**)
- God's people LIVE by His Law. (Luke 4:4 Matthew 4:4)
- God's people **USE** God Law to guide them. (Psalm 119:105; Proverbs 6:22-23)
- God's people CRAVE His Law. (1 Peter 2:2)
- God's people KNOW that His entire Law is TRUTH. (Psalm 119:142, 151, 160)
- There is GREAT REWARD in keeping God's Law. (Psalm 19:11)
- God's people enjoy GREAT PEACE because they love His Law. (Psalm 119:165)
- God's people are NOT BURDENED with God's Law - they rejoice in it! (1 John 5:3; Psalm 19:8; 119:4, **54**; Jeremiah 15:16)

## What Does God Require? (Deuteronomy 10:12-13)

- ★ Fear, Walk, Love, Serve, Keep
- ★ FOR YOUR GOOD!

## Obedience Is Love (John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 1 John 5:3)

- ▶ Legalism vs. Love

## The Glorious Gospel at Sinai

- The “picture” of God’s glorious Gospel did not end with Passover and the crossing of the Red Sea! The glorious Gospel continues to speak to God’s people all the way until they reach the “Promised Land” - heaven.
- God gave His “redeemed” people His Laws to live by - just as God writes His Law on Christian’s hearts and gives them His Spirit to **cause** them to obey His Laws. Christians live by the Laws of God. Christians love the Law of God. (Matt 22:36-40; 28:20; John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 2:3-4; 5:3; Heb 10:16)
- God puts His fear (AWE) into His people to cause them to obey. (Jer 32:40; Heb 12:28)
- As God’s chosen people, His special people, we become citizens of ONE HOLY nations. That nation has a King and the King’s Word is their Law. (1 Peter 2:9)
- God’s people enter in a covenant with God when they confess with their mouths, “Jesus Christ is Lord”. Which is the same as, “All that you say we will do.”
- God’s people TRUST God to get them through this “wilderness”. (John 14:1-3; 17:24; 6:37-40)
- God’s people become God’s royal priests to serve God and the Body of Christ. (Hebrews 12:28; Matthew 20:28)

This Week Pray This Prayer for Your Brothers and Sisters (and yourself).

### Colossians 1:9-11

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy.