

Session 5: Covenant

Scripture questions:

Exodus 19:1-8

What does God promise if the Israelites keep their covenant with Him?

How do the people respond?

Exodus 19:16-20

How would you describe the scene at Mount Sinai as Moses received the Ten Commandments?

Exodus 20:1-18

At the beginning of the Ten Commandments, how is the giver of the commandments, God, shown to be in relationship with the receiver of the commandments?

Do you see a difference between the first four commandments and the last six?

Using no more than one sentence, write down the expectations and purpose of each commandment.

Leviticus 19:1-14

Leviticus 21:1-9

Did you find any of the regulations unusual, shocking, or humorous?

Do you see any themes or patterns in these laws?

Why do you think all these laws were given?

Mosaic Covenant

- This covenant was between God and the Israelites.
- The Mosaic Covenant was a way for God to communicate His will to the world through a holy people.

The Ten Commandments

- These commandments serve as a guide for how we relate to others and God. We need God's grace in order to have a relationship with Him.
- The Ten Commandments consist of three parts:
 1. Introduction—key principles that remind us of who God has been
 2. Commandments about God (the first four)
 3. Commandments about humanity (the last six) and how we view and treat each other

Leviticus

- This book contains many rules, some of which may seem odd or discomforting.

- The laws were not simply a way to encourage a good society or even a good diet, but were commands given by God that were highly significant.
- To appreciate the book of Leviticus requires us to understand the Mosaic Covenant. The covenant is a way for the people of God to come before God, to have fellowship with Him, and to be forgiven of their sins.

Application Questions:

In Leviticus, the priests and worshippers showed their respect for God in what they did and how they worshipped. How do you demonstrate respect for God? Are there times when you give others more respect than God? Why do you think that is?

Of the Ten Commandments, which have you had the greatest challenge living out in your life and why?

God calls us into covenant to be a "holy people." How does this change what you see God calling you to do and be?

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