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The Whole Counsel of God – Exodus 19-24

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Introduction

God is delivering His people. First, God delivered them out of Egypt by 10 devastating plagues, then God delivered Egypt out of His Children by having them camp at seven different spots in the wilderness; teaching them a different lesson at each stop. Now in our section this week, God is going to continue delivering His people by delivering to them His law. For the next 11 months the children of Israel will be at Mount Sinai. A Mountain that raises up 7,000 feet above sea level there in the Sinai peninsula, east of Egypt and southwest of what is today Israel. There from a mountain strangely shaped like a pulpit, God spoke to His people, and called Moses up to give him more detail concerning what God wanted for His people. We see this section break up in the following way: Chapter 19 – The Preparation to meet with God – Chapter 20 – The Law of God (The Ten Commandments) – Chapter 21-24 (really thru the end of Leviticus) – The Law of Moses. See details below.

Overview of the Section

The Preparation to Meet with God - Exodus 19

Before God could speak to His people there was some preparation that needed to occur. The people needed to know it was a serious and important thing to meet with God, thus the changing of the clothes. (v10) They needed to know there was a difference between God and them and so there needed to be a separation between them, thus they were not allowed to approach the mountain.(v12) Finally, they needed to understand that meeting with God was not about them, thus they were to deny their normal fleshly desires during this meeting. (v15).

The Law of God (The Ten Commandments) – Exodus 20

There is a difference between the law given in chapter 20 and the law recorded for the people by Moses in chapter 21 thru the rest of the book. The Law of God as Paul calls it in Romans 7 & 8 is God's standard of righteousness. God spoke this section audibly to all people, and because each of these laws, except one are repeated in the New Testament, they are also for all people at all time. The Law can not make you righteous, in fact it is designed to show you your need for a savior. But more than that, although the law drives us to Christ, it should also direct us in Christ, in our relationships with the Lord, because the law is God's desire for His people.

The Law of Moses – Exodus 21-24 (really to the end of Leviticus)

Now the next chapter thru the end of Leviticus, called the Law of Moses by Jesus, (John 7), the early church (Acts 15:5), and Paul (1 Cor. 9:9), was not spoken audibly by God to the people, but personally by God to Moses and then recorded for the people. It was for the Jewish people, for their time. However, we are still going to study it because number one, there are so many amazing pictures of Christ in the Law of Moses. Secondly, it is based on such wisdom from the Lord, and although we may no longer be under its constraints, so much of it is just plain wisdom for our lives!

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“The Law of God and Moses”

The Book of Exodus can be divided into 3 sections

#1 - Exodus 1-4 – God Develops His Man

- It is the story of the background and calling of Moses

#2 - Exodus 5-24 – God Delivers His people

- By bringing them out of Egypt
- By setting them apart in the wilderness
- By giving to them His law

#3 - Exodus 25-40 – God Dwells with His Saints

- The design of the tabernacle
 - The building of the tabernacle
- Just a guess but you might hear that again

Tonight we get to God giving His people the Law

- He has brought them to Mount Sinai, which I guess would technically be the 8th camping spot, but they are going to be here a while
 - At each previous camping spot God has been taking Egypt out of the people
 - And with the Law it is now directions on what to replace Egypt with – this is God’s heart toward the world they lived in
- Now as we go through the text tonight we are going to follow this outline

Exodus 19-24

#1 – Preparation to meet with God – Exodus 19

#2 – The Law of God – Exodus 20

#3 – The Law of Moses – Exodus 21-24

- Lets look at these chapters one at a time

Exodus 19-24

#1 - Preparation to meet with God – Exodus 19

- God shares with these people that basically He wants to bless them, He wants the best for them

He wants them to be a special people

- To be bared on eagles’ wings
 - But then makes clear to them that this place of being a special people, of being a blessed people was going to be intimately tied into their following the law God was about to give them
 - Not that they were ever going to be saved by the law, we will get to that in just a minute, but this special covenant people relationship, where they live in the blessing that it was to be children of God – that was tied into the law
- Like a loving parent who gives his or her child instruction
 - Don’t put your finger in a light socket – that law is meant to bless
 - And their life will be blessed in accordance to how they follow my law
- It doesn’t change how I feel about them
 - But it does effect their quality of life

And so God is wanting to do the same, He knows us, He created us and so He desires to share these commandments with His people

- So He has Moses gather the people
 - I want to speak to them, I want to communicate to them My truth, so get them together Moses, and...
- before I speak to them, there needs to be some preparation on the part of the people

- there are some things that are important before I meet with them - what were they – 3 things if you noticed for you note takers

Preparation to Meet with God

#1 – Wash your clothes – Exodus 19:10

- now understand most people didn't have 15 outfits to change into – so they needed to wash clothes

But for them this was an event, only reserved for special occasions

- and God wanted them to realize this was one – meeting with God is a special occasion

Many of you know and understand that this is why many major denominations started to dressing up on Sunday Morning

- The idea was you put on your best to meet with God
 - Now obviously in many churches dressing up has moved away from that heart to almost a fashion show of who is the most uppity and having the nicest duds to put on
- even sometimes to the exclusion to those who can't afford to dress up

When I used to teach a Tuesday Night study at Models of the Maker and was talking to one lady about where she was fellowshiping and she said, she went nowhere because every place she went she was made to feel like she wasn't dressed up enough for church to be acceptable – I said, well then let me introduce you to Calvary Chapel – where they let a guy like me be the pastor

- You see I purposely don't want this place to become where anything is more important than Jesus touching people
 - And if they come in shorts and flip flops – and can't see Jesus because we treat them like second class citizens, then shame on us

You see, where many churches have taken this principal misses the heart of God toward people completely

- however don't miss the heart of what God is teaching His people - it is a wonderfully special thing to meet with God

And though I don't believe in this day in age, God cares about what you are outwardly putting on

- I believe it does apply to our hearts

Are we prepared in our hearts when we come to this place to meet with God

- Do we roll out of bed – stumble through the doors with one eye open – here I am God – “I am here to meet with you...”

Or are we prepared

- Do we spend time in prayer before the service – God I want to hear your voice – Do we read over the passage before we get here – Lord speak to me through this
 - It is wonderfully special thing to meet with God – and we need to be prepared
 - And that leads to their second preparation

Preparation to Meet with God

#1 – Wash your clothes – Exodus 19:10

#2 – Set boundaries – Exodus 19:12

- Moses was to set boundaries around the mountain, so that the people would not come into the presence of God and be killed
 - The Father is so magnificent, so wonderful, so powerful, that to come into His presence brought death
 - And so there needed to be clear boundaries before they approached the Lord
- God told Moses, you are going to have to create boundaries, because if the people enter my presence they are going to die
 - What? – that sounds harsh, that sounds down right mean – what is God saying – that doesn't like Father God, that does sound like the God Father

No – it is Father God – you see what He is telling us is He is so magnificent, that where the people were in this stage of history, there was no way they could handle the presence of God and live

Not until after the cross, not until after Jesus' blood had done away with our sin are we told to come boldly – no, it was something else back then

- You see it is fatherly for God to set boundaries – when I come home I love to wrestle with my kids but, if I don't set boundaries, if I don't hold back – I would kill them, I would – Haley and Jonathan think they have Dad under control, but they don't – I could turn around and chuck them around – there need to be boundaries, because I'm powerful – for a couple more years

You see what this is telling us is simply the greatness of God, and it goes along with what I have been saying

- you see sometime in a church like this one – where we are very casual, and I love that we are, I mean look how your Pastor dresses
 - but sometimes we can carry that over to our relationship with God
 - We start calling Him the big man in the sky – the big Dodger in the sky if you are Tommy Lasorda or live in LA – we can get so flippant – Hey bud...

He is a friend that sticks closer than a brother

- But He is also eternal God, more Holy than you and I understand, more powerful than you and I will ever know - So powerful, so Holy, that His very presence would kill you - So powerful, so Holy – that today, even after the cross, we need to prepare our hearts when we meet with God

Preparation to Meet with God

#1 – Wash your clothes – Exodus 19:10

#2 – Set boundaries – Exodus 19:12

#3 – No normal relations – Exodus 19:15

They were not to have normal marital relations before they came into the presence of the Lord

- no getting involved in what was natural and normal
 - they were coming before the Lord
- where are you going with this one Jason, I like this Wednesday Night study but what are you saying...
 - just this – when Israel met with God – it was a time when there was no concern for pleasing the flesh, it was just about the Lord and pleasing Him
- What are you saying

I'm saying we live in a culture that is so consumer driven – the customer is always right, and sir my coffee is not 100 degrees, it is clearly 99 degrees and I will not take this kind of service

- And we carry that into the church – hum, a little cold in here tonight – was that a wrapper on the floor I saw over there – humm – this chair is a, well it could use a little more – I don't like the song, you tell too many stories

Now don't misunderstand me – I am greatly concerned about those things – We want this to be a place where you feel safe and blessed and you can worship and learn about God

- But can I encourage you in something - let me worry about the making this place as comfortable and inviting as possible
 - but you focus on the Lord – because when we come before the Lord and it is all about what my flesh desires, and this is exactly right and needs to be changed – I think we miss what it really is to meet with God

We need to prepare our hearts

- To realize who it is we are meeting with

- To realize it is not about us, but about Him and who He is in our lives
- And then enjoy, everything He is wanting to speak to us

Exodus 19-24

#1 – Preparation to meet with God – Exodus 19

#2 – The Law of God – Exodus 20

Now as I have been saying on our Sunday Nights going through the 10 commandments – there is a distinction I see between what the New Testament calls the Law of God and the Law of Moses

- you see now that we are in this section, some think – why is this important for me to study
 - why do I need to learn about Jewish dietary laws, what they would do with their property and holidays they were supposed to keep – is there any thing less relevant in this age of grace we live in the United States

Here in chapter 20 we have what is known as the Ten Commandments

- and though it is certainly part of the Law, something we need to understand right off the bat is, it is distinct from the law that given to in chapter 21 and on that we will study next week
 - how so?

How is the 10 Commandments different?

#1 - It is distinct in its title

- **Paul in Romans 7:22, 25 – calls it “The Law of God”**
 - In reference to what is God’s standard of righteousness

The early church calls the rest of the law (Exodus 21 on – the law of Moses) – Acts 15:5, I Corinthians 9:9

- Acts 15:5, Paul does it as well in I Cor. 9:9 – and notice with each of those they are referencing not things in the Ten Commandments, but in the later part of the law, the law of Moses

How is the 10 Commandments different?

#1 - It is distinct in its title

#2 – It is distinct in how it was given

- The 10 Commandments in chapter 20 is given audible by God to all the people –they are afraid as this chapter ends
 - chapter 21 and on was dictated by God to Moses, written down by Moses for the people
- The 10 commandments were also written down, but on tablets of stone, not by Moses’ hand, but by the very finger of God – saying they don’t change

How is the 10 Commandments different?

#1 - It is distinct in its title

#2 – It is distinct in how it was given

#3 – It is distinct in its application

The law of Moses with all its dietary laws, and sacrifices and offerings

- though there are great pictures, prophecy and wisdom located in them as we will see -
 - they are for the people of Israel for that time
- The law of God – the 10 Commandments are for all people at all times
 - It is God’s standard of righteousness
 - It is God’s way that life should be lived
 - It is His love toward man – [I John 5:3](#)

“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments and His commandments are not burdensome” – I John 5:3

- my rules are given to bless my kids

We are not saved by keeping the 10 commandments – it has never been that way

- notice with me in [chapter 24, verse 8](#), that after receiving the 10 Commandments and the other laws, the people said “we will keep it”
 - and God said, Moses, make a sacrifice – sprinkle the blood on the people
 - why – because the people were never made righteous by the Law, not then, not now, not ever – it has always been about the blood

So the 10 commandments don't save us

- they drive us to Christ
 - and direct us in Christ
 - We discover things about Christ

We have misunderstandings about the law

- We either think we are bound by it, made righteous by keeping it
 - Which is faulty – because the law was never meant to make us righteous

The other problem we do with the law is we think it has no place in our lives

- Because we are Christians, saved by the blood
 - We have no need of the law
- But that isn't true either
 - We experience His love for us as we keep His commandments
 - So let's commit ourselves to listen to them that we might hear and understand and walk in the love of God through His commandments

The 10 Commandments

#1 – No other gods before me

- there are other things we can worship, there are other things that will compete for our attention
 - but those other things we put in front of the Lord will never satisfy and live up to what they promise, God is telling this because again He loves us

So what do we do about those things in our lives?

- well I think the first commandment is not just a promise, that we can worship other and they will not satisfy
 - but this first commandment is also a promise – you shall have no other gods before me
 - in other words instead of being worried about how to deal with all the other things that bid for my attention
- I can just focus on enthroning the Lord in my heart, focusing on Him and no other thing will stand before Him

#2 – Don't make any idol

- The first commandment is making sure we are worshipping the right God
 - The second commandment is making sure we worship Him the right way
- You see the ancients would create gods in their image – this is the way we think god is like
 - But the problem with that is God is so radically different and above my wicked heart
- And so when I put my image on Him I miss out on worshipping God for who He fully is and I also miss out, because if the goal is to be formed into His image, then I want to proper image in view, not my man made substitute

#3 – Don't take the name of the Lord in vain

- Thirdly God tells us to be careful how we use the name of the Lord
 - In our world today the name of the Lord is used to cuss and show anger and to show excitement in our text message – OMG!
- What's the big deal about that?

Well, what happens when we flippantly use and listen to on TV and movies the name of God or words like Hell and Damnation is those words experience a terrible trivialization in my heart

- You see as people tried to explain to me as I was teaching this on Sunday Nights is, when I put OMG in my text message it doesn't really mean God, it just means, that amazing
 - But you see that is point
 - Jesus is the only name by which man must be saved
 - God is the name in English we use for Yahweh
 - Damn means to be separated from God in a place called Hell
- But when those four words are used so commonly to means something totally different – they don't carry the power in my heart, they should – and sometimes we will see the effects not in our lives, but in the lives of our kids
 - Don't take it – Don't let the name of the Lord be dishonored in your home and in your heart

#4 – Keep the Sabbath

- you would think people would be overjoyed to take a day off, but that is not usually the reaction
 - people either deplore the Sabbath – you will never accomplish anything if you take a day off
 - or they ignore the Sabbath – that sounds good but I just can't take one day in seven and make it different and distinct and honor the Lord
 - or they explore it – Ill try that – which is better than deploring it or ignoring it – but the commandments are not to be explored
- I don't want my son exploring the idea of not killing anyone

I don't want my wife exploring the idea of not committing adultery – ah, we'll see how this week goes

- No, they are not to be explored

Some adore the Sabbath and get all legalistic – it has to be Saturday and you can do nothing

- And we went two Sunday night ago into why this is ridiculous – the teaching of the Seventh Day Adventist church or the Christians that are getting back into Judaism I encourage you to listen to that online
 - But instead of deploring or ignoring or exploring or adoring it – we should restore it
 - We should take one day in seven, and don't have legalistic, some time in your week to rest, to pour into your family spiritually, to grow in the Lord

#5 – Honor your Father and Mother

- the word honor – means to give weight – we are to give weight to the position of our Mom and Dad and watch the way we talk about them and to them
 - to watch our hearts toward them
 - and we need to realize that this commandment doesn't just apply to our literal parents
- David, when he cut Saul's rob, he cried out in repentance 'oh my father"
 - Now Saul wasn't David's father, he was actually David's father in law
 - Now you are getting mettlesome pastor Jason – we need to honor our in-laws
- In fact I really believe we can apply this commandment to anyone God puts us under – our boss, our pastor
 - It doesn't mean those people rule over me, but it means I need to respect the position and watch my mouth and my heart toward them

#6 – Do not Murder

- this is the one commandment most of us feel pretty good about – alright, one out of ten, two out of ten, honey, two out of ten
 - but for most of us murder has not been a issue in our lives
- but I think number one this applies to human life at any age and any stage and so that makes the guilty net a little bigger
 - but also Jesus commented on this commandment and said it also applies to when I hate someone in my heart
 - I have committed mental murder and once Jesus said that all of us have to admit – guilty
 - That same is most likely true with the seventh commandment

#7 – Do Not commit Adultery

- now I applaud you and me for being able to say, I have not done this one either
 - and I know that to your spouse there is a difference, neither is good, but there is a difference between a lustful thought and a adulterous act – a difference for sure
- but not enough of a difference for us to pridefully say, well I have this commandment down
 - because again Jesus takes it further, that when we lust in our hearts, we are guilty of violating this commandment
 - and in a few week, on Sunday Night the 26th we are going to look at this commandment and how we can avoid sexual sin in our hearts as well as in our lives – I encourage you to be here

#8 – Do not steal

- Now again most of us would say, I have never put on a ski mask and robbed a bank – so I'm good

But grand larceny is not the only way to violate this commandment

- Most of us have jobs, where they pay us to work certain hours and to work hard during those hours – and most of us a time or two have been guilty of stealing time from our employer
 - I remember when I was a youth pastor here, it was 4:50, not late enough to go home, not early enough to start something else – and we had a Tetris war going on between the youth guys and the secretaries and Karen had just beaten my high score
 - So I started to take her off the throne
- And as I am killing her high score, Pastor Rob walks into the youth office – is this what I pay you to do, was his exact words
 - I know have an office right across from his and I originally thought it was kind of status thing to have an office back with the big man, but now I'm wondering if he just keeps me close to watch me

But we can steal time from our employers, we can steal money from the government in cheating on our taxes – “hey that last story about you and Rob was funny, don't start getting personal”

- oh I'm I hurting your feelings, little conviction, I'm sorry, but I'm just getting started
 - How about stealing from God?
 - The book of Malachi says the tithe, that portion of our income that is supposed to be given to God that isn't ours to give, it isn't ours to steal
- That is going to be fun Sunday Night, can't you tell, mark your calendars for that one

#9 – Don't bear false witness

- the ninth commandment is to not bear false witness which we can simplify by saying – do not lie – and we are all guilty here – but it goes deeper than that
 - but the only example of someone “bearing false witness” in the Bible is at the trial of Jesus when the Jewish leaders brought men in Mark 14 – they said, Jesus said destroy this temple and in three day I will raise it up again”
- Now here is the deal, Jesus did say that
 - Of course the context was He was talking about His body, He was going to raise from the dead in three days, but they were saying He was saying He was going to destroy the temple in Jerusalem
 - So it was the right information they were being tricky with the truth – and that is something we all need to guard against.
- Because our deceitful hearts will say, oh it wasn’t really a lie, its was mostly true what I said about him, about her

#10 – Do not covet

- coveting is wanting more of what you already have enough of
 - and this commandment I think is one of the most significant
- We are not satisfied – we want more stuff, we want more from a relationship or more relationship, we want more from this life
 - And yet as we go through the Scriptures what we find in all we need for life and godliness is found in Him, in Jesus
 - That in His presence is fullness of joy, that at His right hand are pleasures forever more
- The enemy knows that, but if he can keep you always looking other places than the one place you will be truly satisfied, well then he has won
 - And so We will wrap up our series called the 10 on Father’s Day evening – Don’t you covet your afternoon off Dads
 - Come on out to the fellowship and we’ll let the Lord search our hearts on the subject of coveting

We think this law, these 10 commandments as restrictive

- But think about it like if you were living in the amazon – and so you put up the fence to protect your kids from going where they shouldn’t and it keeps the predators out
 - It is to free us up to enjoy all the life was meant to be without the pitfalls and the predators
 - God says I have taken you out of Egypt, now here is how you can be truly free
 - This is the love of God – Keep my commandments
- Not to save you, but so you will experience all that life is meant to be

Exodus 19-24

#1 – Preparation to meet with God – Exodus 19

#2 – The Law of God – Exodus 20

#3 – The Law of Moses – Exodus 21-24

- In the interest of time I am going to go through some highlights of the section and leave the actual reading of the text to you on your own

Exodus 21:1-11 – Deals with Slavery

- In this section God deals with slavery
 - This is hard for some of us and sections like this in the Scripture have caused an outcry among some thinking why is the Lord condoning slavery

Now, something we need to understand

- Slavery was deeply integrated – you are dealing with cultures who were brutal, who were chauvinistic – and this was revolutionary to them
 - He was not condoning slavery
 - He is regulating it

When you think of slavery among ancient Israel, it was not like the horrible things in our country 150 years ago or in other places in the world

- a slave of a good and wealthy Jewish man had it much better in the ancient world than someone living off the streets
 - So God is not condoning slavery, but He is regulating it

But God is injecting Himself into the equation

- He is regulating how long someone could be a slave and when it came to girls
 - It was common in the day that a dad who was impoverished, would want more for his daughter and so he would sell her as a wife to a wealthy man
 - We cringe at this – but it was common in the day
- But God is regulating it to protect those girls
 - For them they wouldn't be set free – so they wouldn't be disregarded after six years
 - Those girls couldn't be resold to a foreign people where they would be abused
 - This whole section is God injecting Himself into a common practice of the day

God is not for slavery, in fact – everywhere the gospel has gone in the world, women's right are elevated and slavery is eventually done away with

- do you think that is a coincidence
 - this of the Muslim countries, or places like India

Also The rule of the bond slave here is established

- one who was treated well and loved His master
 - He could become a slave willing for life
 - Paul picks up on this as how he serves the Lord

Exodus 21:12-36 - Death and Injury to people and animals

- The wisdom of God is wonderful – notice verses 12-13
 - How not all type of murder are the same
 - So not all punishment is the same
- The intent of the heart is considered
 - The situation is considered

Another thing this section does is regulate retribution – verse 24

- When someone wrongs us – we want to go above and beyond
 - But God puts limits on this
- Here God also establishes a difference between man and animal – verse 33-34
 - The death of an animal is not the same as the death of a human
 - I'm sorry green peace that is simply true

Exodus 22:1-15 - Loss and damage of personal property

- again the wisdom and justice of the Lord
 - God is exceedingly fair

The thief is hurt on your property, then that is too bad – verse 2

- there was a case in Seattle who fell through a skylight trying to break into the home
 - he sued the skylight company and the homeowner and won – no way – notice Washington, not Texas
 - God sets it right

Notice also– when you did something that was wrong you to make it right

- You had restitution and deterrents
 - You paid five times or you died
 - By the way the family was made to pay, if the person could not – good system, no jails, parenting becomes more important

Exodus 21:16-24 - Dealing with sinful practices

#1 - Premarital relations – Exodus 21:16

- How do we deal with it
 - Well – young men were taught in that day that if you entice a woman – she is your wife – that would make you think twice – not “I do, it’s I did”

And if Dad didn’t go along with it – you owed a huge amount of money, because it would be hard to give her to another

- Marriage or money – lots of money or lots of money
 - God knows just where to come at young men – in many ways I’m sad our culture hasn’t adopted these laws – remember we are not under them – but they worked

Sorcery, Bestiality, Idol worship, mistreating the afflicted

- they were to be put to death
 - God does not mess around
 - Retribution or deterrent – great stuff

Exodus 22:25-23:9 - Dealing with various issues

- God deals with many different issues
 - **Loaning money**
 - **Cursing your leaders**
 - **Offering to the Lord**
 - **Circulating false reports**
 - **Do not follow the crowd to evil**
 - **Do not pervert justice**
 - **Help your enemy** (pray for those who spitefully use you – Paul)

Exodus 23:10-19 - The land, The Sabbath and Holidays

- the land needs to rest - why – so the poor can eat
 - so your family can have rest

Once every seven years, once every seven days

- The people need to keep with you
 - They were to appear before the Lord three times a year – [verse 14](#)
 - I think this is so good, at least once a week, three times a year
 - Meeting with the Lord regularly in your life, laying your life before Him
- The people didn’t obey the entire time, you would think they would
 - But for 490 years they did not, God said you owe me 70 years and that is why years later the Babylonian captivity would be 70 years
 - God’s word is going to stand no matter what you do or how you think about it

Notice in verse 19 - “You shall not boil a young goat in its mother’s milk”

- A whole system of dietary laws have developed from this verse
 - No cheeseburgers in Israel, no egg McMuffins with cheese – you think – good – I think I never want to live in Israel – my one trip there was awesome except the food – I don’t know if I could do it – why can’t I have chicken, they don’t even have milk?
- However I don’t believe this is what this verse is talking about at all
 - Pagan practice to boil a young goat in its mother’s milk and then drink and eat this mixture to bring fertility and it was done at the time of the year of Passover – when they were to be involved in these other feasts
 - And so is simply saying don’t get involved in pagan practices

Exodus 23:20-33 - Promise of blessing to those who obey in the promise land

- these laws in the promise land became a blessing to them
 - and again we see the wisdom of the Lord – He will drive out the people of the land slowly – so the land does not become desolate – such wisdom – but it was not maybe they were thinking or wanted – but God is working in wisdom

- And how God does it – I am going to send hornets

- Was any expecting bees

He will send the hornet – “if God be for us, who can be for us”

- God is always doing stuff I never expected
 - And when will I learn, it is not my job to figure it all out – it is my job to trust and obey

Finally Exodus 24 – The people’s reaction to the law

- all that the Lord said “we will do”
 - I appreciate their heart – but it simply was not true
- God has Moses get up and perform a sacrifice
 - He takes the blood and sprinkled it on the people
 - You see it has always been about the blood

Moses comes down the Mount with the Law

- the people say – we will do it
 - and God says – okay – you want to be my people

But Moses also comes down with tabernacle plans

- I know you want to keep the law
 - But there needs to be a place where sacrifices are given, blood is spilled
 - Because it has never been about keeping the law, it also been about having the innocent die in my place
- The lamb in the Old Testament which of course was a picture of the Lamb of God in the New Testament
 - Well, we will get to the construction of the tabernacle, and the picture of Jesus next week
 - Let’s stand