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## BACK TO EXODUS

In reading through Exodus, you find that there are more than just the Ten Commandments. In Chapter 23, the first nine verses contain commandments that are very relevant to us today, verses that seem to show us how our country is following a wrong path in some important respects. These verses could have easily been written for our admonishment today.

God tells us not to give false reports in order to help wicked folks, and not to follow the crowd to do what is not right. Does that sound a bit like "fake news", and remind you of those who form mobs to cause public nuisances and destructive behavior to display their anger over something about which they are against? God also says that we should help those who are our enemies when needed. How many examples of that do we see in the news about our public affairs? There doesn't even seem to be much cooperation, much less helpfulness. Mostly, just the opposite. And we are told not to show favoritism or deny justice to someone just because of his wealth or lack thereof.

We are told not to put an innocent person to death. Does that apply to the character assassination that has recently become so ubiquitous in public life? The last two of these commandments warn us not to take bribes, and not to oppress aliens. (Maybe we are not actually oppressing aliens, but we are not handling them properly. And this could apply to people of another race or gender, couldn't it?) And taking bribes has sure been given a lot of press. We have to admit that these commandments laid down in Exodus could have been written for us today. Let's pray that they will be obeyed.

## SWING ROOM GAZETTE (POST OFFICE PUBLICATION)

HUMOROUS DICTIONARY: Beauty Parlor: a place where women curl up and dye.

OUTPATIENT: A person who has fainted

SMILES: Excuse me, here's your nose. I found it in my business.

Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it.

SENIOR SMILE: I have enough money to last me the rest of my life---if I don't buy anything!  
I'm so old---when I order 3-minute eggs in a restaurant they make me pay in advance.

## WISE ADVICE (from Legal Alert)

Humble ourselves, Pray, Seek His Face, Turn from our wicked way ----

"THEN God will hear us, forgive us, and heal our land. Our country is, and always will be, directly impacted by the prayer and humility of its people. God has given a solution to turn America back to Him, and it starts with you and me." Let's follow that wise advice. At the rate we are going, there is little we can do to stop our country from our rapid rate of sinking into the degradation of sin. But we don't have to follow that downward trend. Let's turn to the Lord and live as He would want us to. He has given us in the Bible plenty of knowledge of the ways to do that. We, as Christians, must depend upon our Lord Jesus to give us wisdom in living our daily lives...wisdom, and strength to do what He helps us to know is His will. And it starts with humility, prayer, seeking God's will, and then turning from any wicked way we might be going.

## BIBLE QUIZ---WHO SAW GOD AND LIVED?

In Exodus 24:1, God told Moses to go up on Mount Sinai, and take with him Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and 70 elders of Israel. Who are Nadab and Abihu? (See Exodus 6:23 for the answer.)

The astounding thing about that trip up the mountain is that they SAW GOD! (Exodus 24:9-11.) This is especially remarkable in light of John 1:18 and I Timothy 6:16, both of which state that no man hath seen God, except His only Son. Then Job 19:26-27 and Matthew 1:18 indicate that we shall see God. A contradiction? Check out these verses. And then there is Exodus 33:20 & 23...where God spoke to Moses: “And God said, ‘Thou canst not see my face, for there shall no man see me and live.’” 23 “and I will take away mine hand and thou shalt see my back parts, but my face shalt not be seen.” And He had Moses stand in the cleft of a rock while He passed by. There is a mystery here!

## INTERCESSORS

In the devotional book ‘God’s Word for Growing in Prayer,’ by Andrew Murray, there is a quote from Dr. Mott, a missionary in Asia. “There is no better way to serve the deepest interest of the Church than by multiplying the number of real intercessors and by focusing their prayers on those situations which demand the almighty working of the Spirit of God. Far more important than any service we can give to missions is that of helping to release the superhuman energy of prayer. Immeasurably more important than any other work is the linking of all we do to the fountain of life and energy.” In the prayer at the bottom of the page, it says, “Dear Father, it is clear that the effectiveness of Your work relies on the releasing of Your power through prayer. May we continue steadfastly in prayer until Your power is sent forth. Amen.”

Do we believe that? And are we a missionary-minded church? We do, and we are. So let us spend as much time as possible in prayer---for missions, for our church, and for the world’s needs everywhere.

## LITTLE RED OR BLACK BOOKS

Remember the little red or black books our Pastor handed out to us in January? He asked us to ask clerks in stores, etc, if they had any prayer requests, and to write the requests in the book. So right away I started talking to clerks and others, telling them that. At present, the total number of folks written in my red book is 25---and counting. How about you? Of all those 25 people I have talked to, not one has seemed annoyed by my request. In fact, many of them have the opposite reaction. (But there have been 9 who said they could not think of anything they wanted prayed about.)

Several of them gave answers that showed they were not too serious about prayer, but several gave answers that showed very serious needs. Many asked me to pray for their own or their family’s health and welfare. But the last one I asked said she “couldn’t get it out” or it would make her cry. Just saying that much made her tear up a little—and me too. So I wrote it down as a “serious matter.” And then she came over and gave me a hug. And several people said, “God bless you”, or “Thanks for asking,” or “Thanks for your prayers.” One said, “That’s awesome!” One, whose son had been deployed to Iraq, asked me my name so that he could tell him I was going to pray for him. And I do pray for all of them during my daily prayer time.

Had I not begun asking folks for their requests, I would have missed a real blessing. I intend to keep on getting prayer requests ‘til the book is full---and beyond, if I live that long! (There are an awful lot of pages in those little books!) How about you? I’d love to publish some of your experiences.

