

Saved to Serve as God's Kingdom of Priests

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Exodus 19

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Exodus 19 - third new moon (3 months) since land of Egypt

God promised Moses (3:12) His people would come back to mountain

An Important Story

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- A Bringing out – God delivers His own people from bondage
- A Lifting up – I bore you on eagle's wings - describes salvation as God's work of caring for His own (Dt 32:9-11).
- A Bringing You to Myself – God doesn't save us so we can go our own way, He saves to have fellowship with those He saves!

A Covenant Bond of Love

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- God saved His people by His grace & power: Ex 14:13-14.
- What God did for us is the basis for what He expects from us today
- God demands covenant obedience to those He already had saved by grace
- Covenant of Grace : From the Fall to the New Covenant Gen 3:15; Rom 8:3
- Note order: saved then called to obedience; NOT obedience to be saved
- God rescues us from our sin THEN He teaches us how to live for His glory!
- We only fully enjoy God's covenant blessings when we walk in obedience

A Covenant Provision By God

- Perfect obedience was the condition for covenant blessings...
- Because of their sin they could never fulfill covenant obligations
- Terms of the covenant could not be met UNTIL Christ came into the world
- But God's provision of Savior had been promised Gen 3:15; 12:3, etc.
- Jesus is mediator of a new covenant : Heb 9:15-28
 - covers sins of saved from old covenant Rom 3:21-26
 - covers sin of His own in the new covenant Rom 5:6-11

A Treasured People

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- Covenants: set forth mutual relationship
 - God told them who He was: God of their salvation - saved them for Himself
 - Now God told them who they were: a treasured possession among peoples
 - They were not special; only treasured because of God's love: Dt 7:7-8
- What is your identity? 1 Peter 2:9
 - To be treasured by God hold fast to Christ Heb 3:5-8 as your obedience
 - Christ alone is our obedience 2 Cor 5:21

A Kingdom of Priests with a Special Calling

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- God's treasured people have a special purpose and calling:
- God saves us to serve Him
- Israel = kingdom of priests/holy nation - set apart: Lev 11:45; 19:1-2; 20:7,26
- Kingdom of Priests & Holy Nation:
 - Life sacrificially - Rom 12:1-2
 - Offer Intercession – Live lives for others: 1 Tim 2:1-2

Make it Real – Apply This!

- Are you Trusting Jesus as your Savior?
 - Jesus did what you can't – obeyed God (Heb 4:15) kept covenant
 - Be like the centurion – Mt 27:54 – recognize Jesus is the Savior!
 - Trust Jesus - Great Exchange – You are a covenant breaker; Christ is your covenant keeper. 2 Cor 5:18-21.
- Are you a Believer? Don't be like Israel – hard hearted & ungrateful!
 - You were saved to declare God's glory to the world: Jn 17:20-21
 - Peter used Exodus & applied to us: 1 Pet 2:9-12
 - Live with a True Gospel Identity: I am who I am because of who God is and what He has done for me, therefore I will live in His grace and proclaim the excellence of Him who called me!
 - NOT: because I believed I am now saved.

Think & Discuss:

- **How has God delivered you from bondage? Describe your story in terms of what Christ has done for you.**
- **How has God carried you on eagle's wings? If you've read The Hobbit, or seen the movie, what do the eagles do for the characters in the book? What hope did they have before the eagles arrived?**
- **Has God's salvation brought you to Himself? What does that look like? How are you like the Israelites in rebelling and refusing the fellowship and community that God desires?**
- **How should the fact of what God has done for you through Jesus affect who you are and how you should now act?**
- **How does having Jesus as your covenant keeper help you serve God with joy and excitement?**
- **God saves his people from bondage and then gives them a law to help them serve Him. How do we often get this backwards?**
- **What does it mean to be a treasured people? Do you see yourself that way? Why are you so precious (1 Cor 6:20)?**
- **Discuss what it means to be a kingdom of priests & a holy nation. Discuss the implications for daily life...**