

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen

#47 – The Consecration of the
People

Exodus 19:7-15

John 15:15

“¹⁵ No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.”

“Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we so blithely invoke? Or, as I suspect, does no one believe a word of it? The churches are children playing on the floor with their chemistry sets, mixing up a batch of TNT to kill a Sunday morning. It is madness to wear ladies’ straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews.”

The “elders of Israel.”

Psalm 97:2a

“² Clouds and thick darkness surround Him.”

Isaiah 6:4

“⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke.”

Isaiah 45:15

“¹⁵ Truly, You are a God who hides Himself, O God of Israel, Savior!”

“Consecrate the people.”

The verb root comes from *Qadash* which literally means “to set apart, make unique, make distinct.” – Holy.

Three days

“Come down.”

The Hebrew literally reads:
“Dying, you will die.”

Exodus 19:13

“¹³ No hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot through; whether beast or man, he shall not live.” When the ram’s horn sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain.’”

Very common in the Ancient Near East.

Typically two copies were made, one
for each nation, followed by a
ratification of the covenant ceremony.

1. Exodus 19:3 – Preamble
2. Exodus 19:4 – Historical prologue
3. Exodus 19:5 – Basic terms set forth,
accompanied with a promise
of blessing.

God's transcendence restores the sense of the creator's otherness, separateness and eternal mystery.

**Spiritual intimacy with
God requires careful
attention to the disposition
of our hearts.**

We all need a mediator.