

Sermon Notes

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

“A New Covenant with a New Priestly Class” – Exodus 19:1-6

I. Introduction.

A. Pastor Don’s experience while growing up in a Roman Catholic Italian family.

B. “Priests” in the biblical sense.

1. Etymology of the term “priest.”

English

Greek

Hebrew

C. Importance for today.

II. Exposition.

A. Verse 1.

1. No connective words to previous chapter.

2. Geographical description similar to a s_____.

a. Psalm 51 superscription.

3. Wilderness of Sinai.

a. Location hard to determine.

1. Connection to Arabia, Galatians 4:25.

2. St. Catherine’s Monastery site.

B. Verse 2.

1. More detail is given than in verse 1.

a. Encampment occurred in 18:5.

b. Mountain of God/Horeb/Sinai/Burning Bush all refer to the same location.

C. Verses 3-4.

1. Moses’ assent – God is high and exalted. Psalm 104:13; 36:6

2. “Thus you shall say to Jacob.”

a. Moses as official mediator.

b. God’s speech – a typical Ancient Near East covenantal treaty.

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c. Summary notes three stages of Israel’s pilgrimage.

1. A b_____

2. A l_____.

3. A d_____.

3. Looking at the three stages.

a. “A bringing out,” verse 4.

1. God h_____ the Egyptian pantheon.

b. “A lifting up.”

1. “I bore you on eagle’s wings.”

a. Lord of the Rings.

b. Deuteronomy 32:9-11.

c. “A drawing close.”

1. God brought them to H_____.

D. Verses 5-6.

1. “If you will indeed obey my voice,” verse 5.

a. Very serious stuff!

2. “My own possession,” verse 5.

a. Special T_____ -- I Chronicles 29:3.

3. “Kingdom of priests,” verse 6.

a. Kingdom led by a h_____ of priests.

4. “Holy nation,” verse 6.

a. To be s_____ apart.

III. Points for Reflection and Application.

A. This is the inception of a covenant that will exist between God and His people.

1. Life and death will hang in the balance.

2. Classic Ancient Near East suzerain/vassal covenant.

3. Structure.

a. Preamble

b. Historical prologue

c. Stipulations

4. This is the beginning of the covenantal relationship.

B. The doctrine of election is clearly in view.

1. Deuteronomy 7:6-8

C. Just as God demonstrated His love to Israel in a bringing out, a lifting up, and a drawing close, He did the same for us.

D. God called them to be a nation of priests, but they failed. Now

we

are called to be God's divinely appointed priests and we must not fail.

1. They were priests and so are we – I Peter 2:9-12.