

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen #70

“After the Giving of the Law Comes Sacrifice” – Exodus 20:22-26

I. Introduction.

A. Looking back to the beginning.

1. The question is: Can God’s Word be trusted?
 - a. Genesis 3:1-5

B. The Reformation assertion in regard to the Perfections of Scripture.

1. The N_____ of Scripture.
2. The A_____ of Scripture.
3. The S_____ of Scripture.
4. The P_____ of Scripture.
 - a. Clarity, plainness.
5. Response of the Council of Trent.

C. Today’s text – Exodus 20:22-26

1. We are still at the mountain.
2. Doubts regarding the truthfulness of the text.
 - a. Jewish scholarship.

II. Exposition.

A. Verse 23.

1. Idolatry is in view.
2. “No other gods.”
3. Note that the emphasis is not what the idols represent, but rather what they were made from.
 - a. Relevance for us.
 - b. Philip Ryken.

B. Verses 24-26.

1. An altar made of earth – Why no crafted stones?
 - a. To not worship as the pagans.
 1. Obscene
 - b. Ancient Near East.
 - c. Priests and underwear – Exodus 28:42
 - d. John MacKay.
 1. Paul seems to have addressed this concern in Athens.
 - a. Acts. 17:29
2. Godly worship means worshipping the way He desires to be worshipped.
 - a. In view of this, what does this mean to churches who pattern their worship according to the surrounding culture?
3. Sexual purity among priests.
 - a. There can be no compromise on this point.
4. Two kinds of sacrifice.
 - a. “Altar” – Hebrew for “slaughter.”
 - b. OLAH – Burnt offering (Lev. 1).
 1. Tremper Longman.
 - c. SHELAMIM (Lev. 3) – Peace, Covenant of fellowship offering.

III. Points for Reflection.

- A. God has given His holy law, but also included on the heels of its delivery offerings to deal with sin.
- B. God has always provided an atonement for His people.
- C. Jesus Christ is our altar.
- D. If Jesus offered all of His life as an atonement for us, what is left for us to offer?