

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen #81

“Nothing but the Blood” – Exodus 24:1-8

I. Introduction.

A. We began a long time ago.

1. Will it take 40 years for Pastor Don to finish this book?
2. Recounting all the events we have studied thus far.

B. Reading of the text: Exodus 24:1-8

II. Exposition

A. Exodus 24:1-2

1. Comments now directed to Moses alone.
2. Moses summoned many times.
 - a. Others will accompany him this time.
 - b. Tragic end for Aaron’s sons – Lev. 10:1-3
 - c. Seventy elders – Probably those chosen in Ex. 18:21-22
 - d. All others must stay at a distance!
 1. Boundary represents the holiness of God.
 - e. Moses as mediator – Today, we have a different one.
 1. I Timothy 2:5
 - f. “Worship,” vs. 1 – “To bow I_____”

B. Exodus 24:3

1. Moses read the Law. This statement is packed with meaning.
 - a. “Words” refers to the T_____ C_____.
 - b. “Ordinances” refers to the C_____ law.

C. Exodus 24:4a

1. “Moses wrote down...”
 - a. Significant in the Ancient Near East.

D. Skip to Exodus 24:7

1. This is where the name “Book of the Covenant” originates.
2. Read twice.
3. The people respond in the affirmative.

E. Exodus 24:4b-6,8

1. Confirmation made by a spilling of blood.
 - a. Exodus 20:24-26
2. “Young men”
3. Two sacrifices
 - a. Burnt offering, Lev. 1
 - b. Peace offering, Lev. 3
4. Why the emphasis on the blood?
 - a. Failure on the part of either party to carry out the terms meant certain death. (Ancient Near East treaty administration.)
 - b. Robertson – A bond in blood.
 1. See Gen. 15:9-20; 17:9-14; Jer. 34:18
 - c. Further note: “The covenant that the Lord made with you.”
 1. Two sides of the agreement – yes, but it all begins with G_____.

III. Points for Reflection.

- A. Worship is always about God and not designed for the comfort and preferences of man.
- B. The repetition of Moses’ reading the Law is a reminder of how we must reread and say God’s word to ourselves.
- C. The Mosaic Covenant must be viewed in its broad and narrow contexts.
- D. Blood was central to the ratification of the Book of the Covenant and essential for the New Covenant, too.
- E. The Hebrews writer was thinking of Exodus 24.
- F. It is always about the blood.