

# Whatever You Say We Will Do

(Part 3 of 3)

**Exodus 19-20**

**Hebrews 12:18-29**

Isaiah 48:12-18; Romans 7:7-25



## Pressing Forward into 2023

- Being a Disciple - **Do I Love My Master?**
  - John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 5:3
  - 1 John 2:3-4
  - **WARNING:** 1 Corinthians 16:22
- **DANGER:** Proverbs 28:9
- Catechism & Meditation

## God's Eternal Purpose

*From all eternity God purposed to gather to Himself a special people from every nation, tribe, peoples, and tongue, re-created in His image, purchased by the blood of His own Son, **who would treasure, glorify, praise, worship and enjoy Him for His infinite worth and beauty for now and all eternity for His own glory and their good and pleasure.***

## Much More (Hebrews 12:25; 2:1-4)

- “See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth,

**much more**

shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven.”

## THEREFORE . . . (Exodus 19:5-6; Romans 10:9-10)

- God entered into a covenant with the people He redeemed.
- The people responded, “All that the LORD says we will do.”
- Christians enter into the same covenant with God when they confess with their mouths, “Jesus Christ is Lord.”

## Three Laws

- **The Law of God.** God's moral law - the Ten Commandments.

- **The Law of Moses.** God's moral law plus the ceremonial laws and judicial laws He gave to the NATION of Israel at Mount Sinai.
- **The Law of Christ.** God's moral law in the hand of the Mediator, Surety, and Redeemer of God's special people. Christ came to set God's people free from the penalty, pollution, power, pleasure and presence of their sins. He did not set them free from their obligation to obey and serve their God.
- God's special people now owe their obedience and allegiance to BOTH God, their Creator and Christ, their Redeemer.

### **The God Spoke His Law** (Exodus 20:1-17)

- God spoke as their CREATOR and their REDEEMER.
- "Since I am your God, this is how My people are to live in My world."

### **Two Tablets of Law** (Matthew 22:36-40)

- Tablet 1: Love God and this is how you love God - first four commandments.
- Tablet 2: Love your neighbor and this is how you love your neighbor - second six commandments.
- God writes His Law on His special people's hearts and gives His Holy Spirit, so that, His people will love His Law and keep it. (Heb 8:10; Ezek 36:26-27)
- God's people are slaves of God (Romans 6) and slaves of Christ (1 Cor 7:22).
  - God's people live to DO the will of their Master. (Matt 7:21; 12:50; John 14:21, 23-24; 1 John 5:3)

### **Christ and the Law** (Matthew 5:17-20)

#### **The Glorious Gospel at Mount Zion** (Hebrews 12:18-29)

- BEWARE of contrasting too much Mount Sinai and Mount Zion!
- God writes His Law on our hearts - not so that we will ignore it but now we will love it, understand it, and obey it. (Hebrews 10:15-17; Jeremiah 31:33-34; 32:38-39; Ezekiel 36:26-27)
- (Hebrews 12:20-21) The AWESOME presence of God. God presented Himself as the Holy God, **the Lawgiver, the King, and the Judge.**
  - There was no mention of grace, mercy, or fatherhood.
- (Hebrews 12:22) City of the living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem.
  - Hebrews 11:9-10, 13-16; 13:14
  - Rev 3:12; 21:2; 21:10; 22:19
- (Hebrews 12:22) Innumerable company of angels.
- (Hebrews 12:23) General assembly and the church of the Firstborn, who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of ALL, the spirits of just (justified) men made perfect. (Revelation 13:8; 17:8; Philippians 3:20-21; Luke 10:20)
- (Hebrews 12:24) Jesus, the Mediator of the New Covenant; to a better blood. (1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 7:22; 8:8; **9:12**)
- (Hebrews 12:25) Who **speaks**. If they did not escape . . . **much more** shall we

- not escape if we turn away. The Spirit speaks what the Son says. (John 16:13-14)
- (Hebrews 12:26-27) YET ONCE MORE – **WARNING**. (Isaiah 13:13; 14:24-27 (**v. 26**); Haggai 2:6-7, 22)
  - (Hebrews 12:28-29) God's kingdom cannot be shaken! God's people **serve** God acceptably (in accordance with His Law) with reverence **and** godly fear.
  - (Hebrews 12:29) **OUR GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE**.

## Saved to Serve by Living Holy Lives

- (1 Thessalonians 4:7) God called us to holiness. (1 Peter 1:13-16)
- (Romans 6:13) Present yourselves as alive to God and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.
- (Romans 6:18, 19) Having been set free from sin, you are now slaves of **righteousness** for holiness.
- (Romans 6:22) Having been set free from sin, you are now slaves of God.
- (1 Timothy 4:7-8) Exercise yourself **toward godliness**.
- (1 Timothy 6:11) Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.
- (Hebrews 12:14) Pursue holiness without which no one will see God.
- (Romans 14:19) Pursue those things which edify each other.
- (1 John 1:7-10) Confess and repent of your sins. (Acts 17:30-31)
  - You cannot confess and repent of sins you do not know about without continual examination. (2 Corinthians 13:5)
  - Repentance: Turn away from one's sins (lawlessness - 1 John 3:4) to the written Law of God (lawfulness).
- (2 Corinthians 7:1) Perfect holiness in the fear of God.

## The Glorious Gospel and God's Law

- God's people are under a BETTER COVENANT than those who heard His voice at Mount Sinai.
  - **BETTER THINGS** (Hebrews 6:9)
    - Circumcised heart. (Deuteronomy 30:6)
    - New Heart with His Law written on it - Proverbs 4:23; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Jeremiah 32:39; Heb 10:16-17
    - God's Holy Spirit (Ezekiel 36:27; Romans 8:9, 14; 1 John 3:24)
    - GRACE (John 1:14; Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-10; 2 Cor 12:9; Titus 2:11-14)
    - FAITH (Ephesians 2:8-10; Galatians 3:23, 25; 1 Thess 3:2; )
  - **BETTER HOPE** (Heb 7:19; Rom 5:1-5; 8:25; 12:12; 15:4; 1 Peter 1:3-5)
  - **BETTER MEDIATOR** (Hebrews 8:6; 9:15; 12:24; 1 Tim 2:5)
  - **BETTER NEW COVENANT** (Hebrews 7:22; 8:6; **8:12**)
  - **BETTER PROMISES** (Hebrews 8:6; John 5:24; 10:27-29; Galatians 3:29; 4:28; Eph 1:13-14; 3:6; Hebrews 6:17; 10:36; 2 Peter 3:13; 1 John 2:25)

- **BETTER POSSESSION** (Hebrews 9:23; Romans 8:16-17)
  - Heirs of God (Romans 8:16-17)
  - An inheritance reserved for us in Heaven. (1 Peter 1:3-4; Galatians 3:18; Ephesians 1:11, 14, 18; Colossians 1:12; 3:24; Hebrews 9:15)
- **BETTER CITY** (Hebrews 11:16; Revelation 3:12; 21:2)
- **BETTER RESURRECTION** (Hebrews 11:35; John 5:28-29; 1 Cor 15:54; Revelation 20:5-6)
- ★ (Hebrews 12:25) **MUCH MORE!!!!** With great privilege comes great responsibility - Luke 12:48.
- ★ (Hebrews 12:28) Let us ask for **GRACE** to **SERVE** God acceptably with reverence and **godly fear**.
- ☆ (Hebrews 12:29) Those who trifle with God need to remember that our God is **STILL** a consuming fire. (Exodus 24:17; Deut 4:24; 2 Thess 1:8)

### Paul's War with Lawlessness (Sin) (Romans 7:7-25)

- (v. 7) God's gracious Law made sin known! Without Law there is no sin.
- (vv. 8-13) God's Law is a MIRROR into our hearts! APART from the Law sin was DEAD to me! The Law showed me the SINFULNESS of my sin.
- (v. 10) MEDITATE: The LAW which was to bring life, I found to bring death. (Ezekiel 20:10-21)
- (v. 11-13) Is the Law sin? Is what is good become death to me? NO! IT IS SIN! The Law showed me the exceeding sinfulness of sin!!!
- (v. 14) The Law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.
- (vv. 15-23) Paul's real struggle with sin. There was a WAR within him.
  - ★ DO THESE VERSES DESCRIBE YOU? IS THERE A REAL STRUGGLE (WAR) IN YOU?
- (v. 22) "I **delight** in the Law of God according to the inward man (new man; new creature, born-again man)."
- (v. 23) BUT I see another law in my members, **warring** against the law of my mind and bring me into captivity to the law of sin . . ."
- (v. 24) "O **wretched man that I AM!** Who will deliver me from this body of death?"
- (v. 25) "I thank **GOD** - through **Jesus Christ** our **Lord!**"

### Paul Pressed On (Philippians 3:12-14)

- (v. 12) Paul's goal: PERFECTION - see Matthew 5:48.
- (v. 12) He did not attain it but He pressed on!
- (vv. 13-14) Each day was a new day to forget yesterday and press on today with all he had.

"Imitate me, just as I imitate Christ."

**MUCH MORE**