

Sermon: Our Better Covenant.
Series: Exodus: From Slavery to Glory.

Scripture: Exodus 23:20-24:18.
Date: April 16, 2023

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) Do you make promises to God? What promises have you made to him? Look at 24:7. "All that the Lord has spoken we have done." Have you ever made this promise to God? What happened? Did you keep it?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Where do you see God's holiness and purity, his grace and kindness, in this passage?

b) Look at 23:21. God says that he will not pardon the people's transgressions (sin). Does this surprise you? Why do you think God says this?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Look at Exodus 24 again. Exodus 24 is not the Christian's covenant. In what ways do you see it falling short of how we approach God through Christ? OR...in what ways is the New Covenant better than what you see in Exodus 24?

b) Read Galatians 2:16 and Hebrews 10:22-23. What are the better promises of the New Covenant? Are these promises true in your life? How might your life be different if you trusted these promises more?

APPLICATION

a) Can you identify any ways that the church is "living on Mount Sinai instead of on Mount Zion" (living from the wrong covenant)? Can you identify any ways that you personally are living from what you do for God instead of what God has done for you?

FIGHTER VERSES: Hebrews 9:27-28.

PRAYER

- Praise God for his holiness and purity.
- Confess ways that you have tried to live from the old covenant instead of the new covenant.
- Thank Jesus for a new covenant with better promises.
- Ask God to help you behold the glory of God in Jesus and his grace.