God's Hope and Vision

Exodus 19:1 – 24:18

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- Egypt
- Red Sea
- Desert Shur
- Mara
- Elim
- Desert Sin
- Rephidim
- Sinai

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- A Shepherd Nation
- Bible Teachers for World Mission

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- Set Apart
- Different in all Aspects
- Most Respected

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Obey and keep my Covenant

- To love means to obey (1 John 5,3)
- His commands are not burdensome
- Obey him fully \rightarrow live in his Word
- Keep my covenant → Hold on to the promise
- You will change

"So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the Lord had commanded him to speak. The people all responded together, We will do everything the Lord has said." (19:7,8)

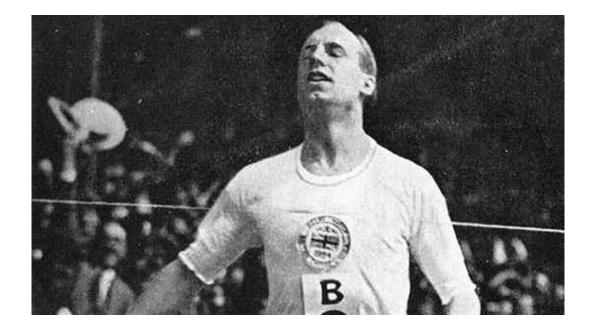
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME. THOU SHALT NOT WORSHIP ANY GRAVEN IMAGE. III. THOU SHALT NOT TAKE GOD'S NAME IN VAIN. IV. REMEMBER THE SABBATH TO KEEP IT HOLY. V. HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER. VI. THOU SHALT NOT KILL. VII. THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

VIII. THOU SHALT NOT STEAL. IX. THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS.

The Ten Commandments

- Do not try to avoid breaking them
- Joyfully obey all of them



Laws for God's people

- Repect freedom
- Compensation, not revenge
- Mercy
- Love your enemy
- Do not compromise

Respect Freedom

But if the servant declares, I love my master and my wife and children and do not want to go free, then his master must take him before the judges. He shall take him to the door or the doorpost and pierce his ear with an awl. Then he will be his servant for life.

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But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.

(21:23-25)

Mercy (22:21-23)

Do not mistreat an alien or oppress him, for you were aliens in Egypt. Do not take advantage of a widow or an orphan.

→ Concept of a Shepherd Life

Love your enemy

If you see the donkey of someone who hates you fallen down under its load, do not leave it there; be sure you help him with it.

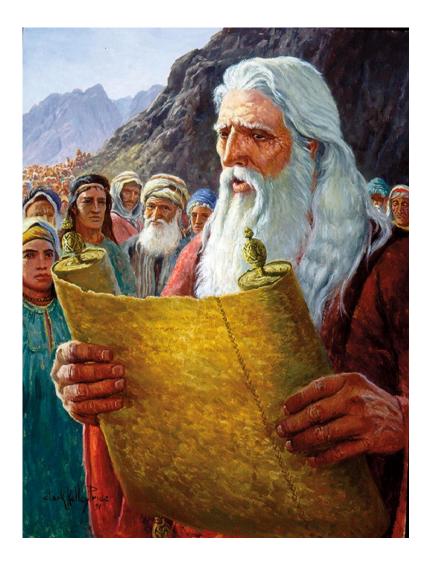
(23:5)

Do not compromise

I will hand over to you the people who live in the land and you will drive them out before you. Do not make a covenant with them or with their gods.

(23:31,32)

The Covenant



When Moses went and told the people all the Lord 's words and laws, they responded with one voice, Everything the Lord has said we will do. (24:3)

Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey. (24:7)

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> Past Tense Slave People → His People









The covenant that the Lord has made with you

- Unconditionally
- Execute God's Hope and Vision by —Raising Disciples —Training Messengers

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