

The Will of God for Israel and the Change of Marching Orders

Exodus Chapter 19

The LORD God bring Moses and the children of Israel to Mount Sinai, and the LORD reveals that He intend to make the whole nation, an holy nation, and a kingdom of priest unto Him! And He instructs Moses in Exodus 19:6 to speak these words unto the children of Israel. The people agreed at the first, but then become afraid at the awesome presence of God on Mount Sinai and changed their minds! The people requested that Moses be between them and God to speak to them what God says.

Exo 19:1 In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they *into* the wilderness of Sinai (*the same place where the LORD God spoke to Moses from a burning bush*).

Exo 19:2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come *to* the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount (*Sinai*).

Exo 19:3 And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

Exo 19:4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

Exo 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine:

After this time we see that only the tribe (Levi) of Moses and Aaron became priests. But the will of God was to make the whole nation, “priests” unto Him, and it is obvious they were to evangelize the world of Him, who is the True God of Heaven and Creation through the centuries! It is He that is the great, “I AM” as explained to Moses in Exodus 3:13 and 3:14!

Exo 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Exo 19:7 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.

Exo 19:8 And all the people answered (*and agreed*) together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

Exo 19:9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD (*that they agreed to be a nation of priest unto Him*).

Exo 19:10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes,

Exo 19:11 And be ready against (*or on*) the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

Exo 19:12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, *that ye go not* up into the mount (*or mountain of Sinai*), or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:

Exo 19:13 There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether *it be* beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount (*or round about the Mount Sinai?*).

Exo 19:14 And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.

Exo 19:15 And he said unto the people, Be ready against (*or on*) the third day: come not at *your* wives (*in other words, no love making for the three day period before the LORD God come down upon the mountain, and you go up to Him!*).

The LORD is come down upon Mount Sinai on the third day when the people were supposed to have sanctified themselves as the LORD instructed through Moses. But we get the impression they (someone among them, because it only required one disobedience on the part of one individual?) violated/ disobeyed their sanctification in some way, because now on the third day the LORD instructs Moses to tell the people not to touch the Mountain (Sinai), while God remained upon it. The scripture does not tell us what the sanctification violation(s) was!

Also, in this we can see “justification” of the teaching about the Schoolmaster that is put forth by the Apostle Paul in Galatians 3:22 through 3:26 (i.e.; the children of Israel being cursed under the law until the perfect sacrifice should come, because they could not keep the law/ commandment(s) of God. But they could do offerings and sacrifices (the Schoolmaster according to Apostle Paul teaching?), which God accounted their faith in so doing as, “Justification unto them”! And therefore their justification was also by faith in the plan/ law/ Commandment(s) of God; who is the Lord Jesus Christ, perfectly fulfilling the law/ plan/ Commandment(s) of God, when He came and sacrificed Himself. Just as our justification before God today is in faith of the Lord Jesus Christ; His finish work(s) in the Gospel and on the cross!)

Exo 19:16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount (*Sinai*), and the voice (*or sounding*) of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that *was* in the camp trembled.

Exo 19:17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether (*or bottom*) part of the mount (*Sinai*).

Exo 19:18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked (*or shook*) greatly.

The LORD God answered Moses in the hearing of the people, and they heard Him!

Exo 19:19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed (*or increased*) louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

Exo 19:20 And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses *up* to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

- Exo 19:21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish (*the LORD knows the people have violated their sanctification!*).
- Exo 19:22 And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.
- Exo 19:23 And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.
- Exo 19:24 And the LORD said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon them.
- Exo 19:25 So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them (*the perfect law and will of God; the Ten Commandments, because the people were not permitted upon the Mount Sinai with the LORD God!?*).

Exodus Chapter 20

The will of God for the children of Israel specifically, at this time of Moses, and the human race in general, for all time!

- Exo 20:1 And God spake all these words, saying,
- Exo 20:2 I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
- Exo 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before (*above, or ahead of*) me (*There is only one God. He is not created, but He is the Creator. It is He that is the Father and God of the Lord Jesus Christ. But the human race, even today's so called smart societies, goes about creating/ inventing/ imagining gods, which is devoid of help/ benefit; and the people perish as a result*).
- Exo 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth (*even man is but an image of the true and living God. Thus, there may perhaps remain unknowable mysteries of God, even in the resurrected life? There is none like Him, and total comprehension of him may not be possible? In other words, we should consider the possibility that there may always be aspects of our relationship with God which must be in FAITH according to the expression(s) given us through the Lord Jesus Christ; the word sent from God. Even in the resurrected life we do not cease to be creations/ creatures of God, because we were not with him in the beginning; only the Son, Jesus was with him in the beginning? See the Gospel of John, Chapter 1). Satan made the mistake of thinking himself equal with God!*:
- Exo 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them (*images, and/ or imaginations of false gods*), nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me (*If the previous "1, 2, 3, ... generations" hated God, and this current generation also hates God, then the iniquity of the previous generations is upon this current generation. And they all shall receive like judgment from God*);

- Exo 20:6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments *(because God cares, and His commands are given because of His great love to keep us from that “eternal loss and damnation”)* .
- Exo 20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain *(God is apart from all else, and there is no other as He; He is one of a kind. No one or nothing else has his qualification, attributes, and capability to meet the needs of His creation. Therefore, His creatures are disrespectful, as well as disobedient, when speaking of Him in jest and out of disgust. God is Holy!)*.
- Exo 20:8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- Exo 20:9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:
- Exo 20:10 But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates:
- Exo 20:11 For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it *(no matter how technologically advanced societies may become today, people should still rest, at least one day a week)*.
(Although for us today every day is Sabbath in Jesus, the Apostle Paul said it this way):
- Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)
- Heb 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works *(pleasing to God)*:
- Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more *(or assemble together more)*, as ye see the day *(end time)* approaching.
- Heb 10:26 For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, *(for example do not say, “I will do this sin now and ask God for forgiveness later. Even the saved shall lose reward(s) over such lack of sincerity/ genuineness!”)*
- Exo 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *(the path of all existence(s) trace back to God. Therefore, despising who you are, your origin, or someone else’s origins is a criticism against God; that He is incompetent, or without wisdom. And you, the creature is qualified to council even God)*.
- Exo 20:13 Thou shalt not kill.
- Exo 20:14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- Exo 20:15 Thou shalt not steal.
- Exo 20:16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
- Exo 20:17 Thou shalt not covet *(desire, or take possession of)* thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.

Now, these commandments from God are His (for lack of better words) “moral, and righteous code”; His perfect will. And everyone (not just Israel) who has lived, or ever shall live is always accountable to God through these. Only an individual’s position of

salvation in Christ Jesus allows forgiveness for violations of His Commandments (study Zechariah Chapter 5)!

In addition, these commandments are the basis for those other Schoolmaster laws given specifically to the chosen people of God, Israel.

THE REMAINING CHAPTERS OF EXODUS, THE BOOKS OF LEVITICUS, NUMBERS, AND DEUTERONOMY FLOW FROM THESE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD GOD!

These Schoolmaster laws, whose center piece is blood sacrificing of animals to atone for sin until Jesus should come, and which God commanded of Israel, points to, and is prophetic of the work(s) Jesus would, and did fulfill at His first appearing.

In addition to this study of Exodus, I encourage a study of the Books of Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

Finally, because of sin no one has ever kept all of these Commandments and Laws; except Jesus.

Thus, by FAITH of salvation/ the Cross/ forgiveness in Christ Jesus (his death, burial, and resurrection) for sin, is the only hope anyone has of pleasing God.

For those that have faith in salvation by Christ Jesus, God the Father chooses to see Jesus when He looks on them. They are his Son(s)! And it does not matter if the person is male, or female.

There are no provisions for first born daughters; everyone's portion is the first born Son's portion!

The people moved afar off from Mount Sinai for fear of death! This also signifies they moved afar off from God when they moved afar off from the mount; Levi, now being assigned the Priesthood!

Exo 20:18 And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw *it*, they removed, and stood afar off.

Exo 20:19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

Exo 20:20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove (*evaluate*) you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

Exo 20:21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God *was*.

Exo 20:22 And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

Exo 20:23 Ye shall not make (*above, nor equal*) with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.

And so now, the children of Israel having violated/ disobeyed sanctification, (transgressed) the will of God at Mount Sinai are commanded to atone for their sin by sacrificing unto the LORD God, the first born (representing Jesus by the figure(s) of an innocent animal) on an Alter, as described in the final verses of this chapter below.

Exo 20:24 An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

Exo 20:25 And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.

Exo 20:26 Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon (*this specifies that representations of Alters with steps violates the will of God?*).

Exodus Chapter 21

The Change of Marching Orders:

The LORD God commanded there be “just” behavior, day-to-day among the Hebrew children at the direction of Moses. And we today that declare we are His are not exempt!

Exo 21:1 Now these *are* the judgments which thou (*Moses*) shalt set before them (*the children of Israel*).

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