

## **A JEALOUS GOD INDEED!**

**Exodus 20:1-3**

Three Readers: (T/M) The Text Master, M-1 (A Hebrew man) F-1 (His wife)

M-1: Good morning, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and today I will be reading the part of a Hebrew man named Lemuel.

F-1: Good morning, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and today I will be reading the part of his wife, Milcah.

**T/M: Good morning. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I will be serving as your Textmaster of the day. Our Living Word passage of the day is taken from Exodus 20, verses 1-3.**

*And God spake all these words, saying, "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."*

**M/1:** Milcah, have you heard the news?

**F-1:** What news?

**M-1:** Moses says that we are going to stay here camped near this mountain for a while.

**F-1:** Why, Lemuel? I thought that we were going to the land of Canaan.

**M-1:** I guess we are going to go, but not right away.

**F-1:** Why? Did we do something wrong?

**M-1:** No, Moses says it's because God wants to help us get used to being a nation and to get to know this God better.

**F-1:** Well, I know enough about this God to know that I don't want to mess with Him. He certainly showed all the gods of Egypt a thing or two.

**M-1:** That's true, but Moses says it's not enough for us to just serve this God because He's so powerful. Moses says we have to follow this God for a better reason than just because we are afraid of Him.

**T/M: "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."**

**M/1:** It's true. Moses says we get to make a decision as to whether we really want to be this God's nation or not. He wants to give us a chance to decide whether or not we want to have a treaty with Him.

**F-1:** That's amazing! We have found a God who will let us negotiate how we serve Him...

**M-1:** Uh, no. I don't think that's what He meant. Moses says that once we get settled in a bit God is going to dictate the terms and then we decide whether or not we want to sign on the dotted line to be His people.

**F-1:** You mean we're not going to negotiate over this?

**M-1:** I don't think so.

**T/M-** *"I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me."*

**May God help each of us to gain new meaning from this, His Word, today.**