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Sinai and the Tabernacle!

Lesson Text: Exodus 19-40

Focus Verse: Jeremiah 31:33 - But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Truth About Covenant: God created a plan to dwell among His people.

God did not just give the children of Israel all the laws and then leave them to figure it out on their own. He also gave them the Tabernacle plan. This plan showed them God would dwell in the midst of them, giving them the power to daily obey God's commands. Do not only seek a life of commandments. desire a connection with God's Holy Spirit. The Spirit produces the power within us to give us the strength to walk daily in obedience to God's commands.

The Ten Commandments are like a sheet of glass: they are either broken or not; they cannot just be partially broken. According to James 2:10: "*For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.*" We must check our lives against all the commandments and not only the ones we find easy to obey. These Ten Commandments and the other laws God gave Moses at Mt. Sinai showed Israel how to approach their holy God. The choice to obey is easy when we realize all God has done for us. He chose us. He redeemed us. How easy it is to choose to live holy because God is our Savior. And as we conform to His holy nature, we have unfettered access to His holy presence, and He has unlimited access to our lives. **Today choose to be transformed by living a holy lifestyle, and you will open the door of access between you and God.**

After freeing them from Egypt and delivering His commandments for them to keep, God revealed His plan to live among the people (Exodus 25:8). He gave Moses a rather detailed plan for each part of a place called the Tabernacle (Exodus 25:10-31:11). The Tabernacle was placed directly in the center of the camp and was portable, not permanent. The Lord made the Tabernacle portable because He wanted the Israelites to remember they were on a journey to the Promised Land, but they had not arrived yet.

The story turned dark in Exodus 32. They were impatient, persistent, and ready to worship, so Aaron instructed them to bring all their gold to him and he fashioned their gold into a golden calf. God's people had fallen again. They committed a similar sin as Adam and Eve. Despite all the miraculous provisions and protection Jehovah had worked for them, the devil convinced them to make themselves gods to lead them.

God's new dwelling place will be written on the fleshy tables of our hearts and minds. It was foretold of a day when the covenant would be with us and written on our hearts and by the Spirit (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 11:19; 36:25-27). When we experience the gospel—the death, burial, and resurrection—by God's grace through our faith in God's Acts 2:38 plan of salvation, we enter this new covenant. Our relationship with Him makes our bodies a "**holy temple**" and a "**habitation of God.**" Paul declared it in 1 Corinthians 3:16-17.

The choice is ours to begin a covenant relationship with God today. It starts on the inside and shows up on the outside. Living in covenant with God gives Him full access to our lives: what we love, whom we worship, how we worship, how we spend our time, how we dress, what we watch or listen to, how we talk, what we text or type—everything. Let us live in covenant with the God who came from Heaven to earth to be in covenant with us.

What is controlling your choices today: your own senses or the unfailing principles established in the Word of God? We must not give in to our thoughts that we are going in the right direction when in truth our lives could be completely upside down. Instead, we look to God's Word as our instrument panel. We allow it to tell us whether we are going in the right direction and can safely make it to our destination or if we are headed for destruction. **Quit only following your senses and begin to read the Bible.** Allow God's Word to guide your life, and you will arrive safely at the Promise Land.