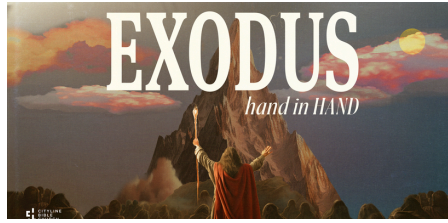


DEVOTION TO GOD MUST BE SEEN



Exodus 20

Sermon by Pastor Jason

Sermon Summary:

Devotion to God can be seen:

1. In your pursuit (vs. 1-17)
2. In your fear (vs. 18-21)
3. In your worship (vs. 22-26)

Relationships can sometimes seem purely transactional, and many people treat their relationship with God the same way. Their devotion to Him is based solely on what they receive in return. This is not how God operates. God has demonstrated the kind of devotion that we are to follow by giving everything to us in His Son. Your devotion should be seen in your pursuit, fear, and worship of Him regardless of what more you receive.

Icebreaker:

What have you devoted a significant amount of time to in your life?

Application:

Read Verses 1-17

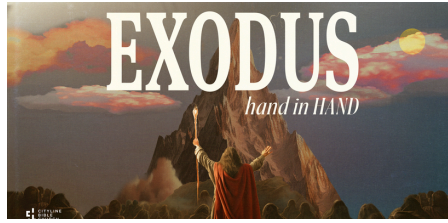
1. In verse one it says that God spoke “all these words” and then God begins to speak those famous 10 commandments upon which the entire Law and Prophets from this point forward become the standard for living as God's treasured possession. Do you struggle with any of these commands? If so, which ones?

2. God's number one avenue for communication are His words and He requires obedience from His followers by the instruction He gives which is ultimately for our good. If God's desire is for us to obey Him, why does He offer us a choice to disobey?

3. In the New Testament, Jesus sums up the entirety of the 10 commandments in two commands: love God with all your heart/soul/mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. Why do you think God included commands to treat others well instead of only focusing on loving and honoring Him?



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4. What does it mean to follow Jesus?

Read Verses 18-21

5. The thunder/lightning, and trumpet sound aren't heard so the Israelites would be scared of God, but so they would properly fear Him, revere Him, and respect Him. What has God shown you that has caused you to properly fear Him more in reverence and respect?

6. When a person doesn't rightly view God for who He is, sin awaits. For example, ignoring God's commands and trying to justify stealing one grape to eat at a grocery store. What kinds of sin have you tried to justify when nobody is watching except for God?

7. Give an example of a time when your devotion to the Lord caused you to recognize and resist the temptation of sin.

Read Verses 22-26

8. God is a self-existent being that is not to be degraded by statues. He also instructs the Israelites to display their reverence of Him by preparing sacrifices on alters of natural earth or stone without steps. Why/how would hewn stones and steps profane the altar and the Lord?

9. Devotion to God must be seen. How do you display your pursuit to follow Him, your fear to respect Him and your worship to exalt Him?

