

Week 4
Exodus 16-36

IV. God's Glory is Manifested in the Care of His People: 15:22-18

A. Day 1: Exodus 16-18

1. The people were tested by God in 15:22-27
2. Test #1: Where will our food come from?:16
 - a. The people complain: 16:1-3
 - b. God instructs Moses and through Moses: 16:4-12
 - c. God puts his glory on display: 16:13-34
 - d. God provided until the journey was complete: 16:35-36
3. Test #2: What about water? 17:1-7
 - a. The people still complain: 17:1-4
 - b. God still provides: 17:5-7
4. Test #3: What about their enemies? 17:8-15
 - a. God's people are attacked: 17:8
 - b. God protects and fights for his people: 17:9-15
5. Test #4: What about leadership? 18
 - a. Father-in-Law is a proud (in a good way) man: 18:1-12
 - b. Father-in-Law is a wise man: 18:13-27

V. God's Glory is Manifested in the Giving of the Law: 19-24

B. Day 2: Exodus 19-21: The People Sinai: God's Covenant With His People: 19-24

1. Preparation for the Reception of the Covenant: 19
 - a. The Conditional Promise of Blessing: 19:1-6
 - b. The Agreement of the People:19:7-8
 - c. The Preparations for Meeting with God: 19:9-15
 - d. The Awesome Encounter with God and His People: 19:16-25
2. The Contents of the Covenant Part #1: Moral Expectations/ All Things Holy 20-24
 - a. How God expects His People to Treat Him: 20:1-8
 - b. How God expects His People to Treat Each Other: 20:9-17
 - c. God's People are Amazed by God's Presence: 20:18-21
 - d. God's People are Directed in How to Encounter Him: 20:22-26
3. Living with Each other in a Civil Way: 21
 - a. **Chapters 21-23 apply the 10 commandments to the daily life of the Hebrew: these random laws are the anticipation of situations that God's people would face and instructions on how to apply God's commandments to them.**
 - b. Slaves are to be treated with Dignity:21:1-11
 - c. Various laws insuring the well being of all people: 21:12-34
 - d. The Focus of chapter 21 deals with the Law Code for human protection

C. Day 3: Exodus 22-24

1. Reflecting God's Holy Character: 22
 - a. Laws protecting the individual's property: 22:1-15

- b. Laws that show God's love for the culture through his expectations of his people: 22:16-31: think about the attributes of God that these laws reflect
- 2. Reflecting God's Character Continued: 23
 - a. The centrality of justice: 23:1-9
 - b. The centrality of worship: 23:10-19
- 3. God's Promised Blessing for Obedience to the Covenant: 23:20-32
- 4. The Covenant is Confirmed: 24
 - a. Agreement by the People: 24:1-3
 - b. Confirmation #1: 24:4-7: Moses records the book of the Covenant: the terms are recorded for all people
 - c. Confirmation #2: Blood is sprinkled on the participants: 24:8
 - d. Confirmation #3: A Covenant Meal is Shared with the Leadership: 24:9-11
 - e. God meets with Moses for 40 days: 24:12-18

VI. God's Glory is Manifested in the Worship of His People: 25-40

D. Day 4: Exodus 25-27

1. This section is meticulous, but very important. The goal of the Exodus was so that God would take up residence among his people. God's presence and fellowship was lost in Eden with the fall. Now the people are going to be able to encounter their without losing their lives. God's revelation of himself through his word is central to every aspect of worship.
2. Worship should be and is costly: 25:1-9
3. Worship must be according to God's expectations: 25:10-27:19: working from God's immediate presence (the ark) outward (the Tabernacle)
 - a. The Most Holy Place: Instructions for the Ark of the Covenant: 25:10-22: God's presence and covenant reside her
 - b. The Holy Place: the table: 25:23-30: the table reminds the people how God provides for them
 - c. The Holy Place: the lampstand: 25:31-40: a symbolic tree, like the tree of life in Eden
4. The Instructions Concerning the Tabernacle: 26
 - a. 1-29: Description of curtains, frames, and bars:
 - b. 30: God is the architect
 - c. 31-37: The veil that separates the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place
5. Instructions concerning the outer area of the Tabernacle: the area outside the Holy and Most Holy Place: 27
 - a. The alter of burnt offering: 27:1-8
 - b. The courtyard: 27:9-19
6. Instructions Concerning the Priesthood: 27:20-28
 - a. Responsibility to keep the lampstand burning at all times: 27:20-21
 - b. This symbolized that the Lord was always with his people

E. Day 5: Exodus 28-30

1. The Priestly Wardrobe: 28
 - a. God selects who the priests will be: 28:1

- b. The wardrobe was to illustrate and show the people the consecration of the priest: 28:2-39: Instructions for Aaron
 - c. The significance of the wardrobe in seen in verses 28:12 and 28:29-30: As a priest, Aaron brings all of God's people before the presence of God to act as their representative before God.
 - d. The seriousness of the priestly role: 31-39: the bells let the people know if the priest was dead or alive: If there was silence in the Holy Place, God had struck the priest dead for approaching God in an unworthy manner.
 - e. Instructions for Aaron's sons: 28:40-42
2. The Priestly Consecration: 29
 - a. Initial preparations: 29:1-9
 - b. A Sin Offering: 29:10-14: the purifies the altar
 - c. A Burnt Offering: 29:15-18: this sacrifice atones for the sin of the one who offered the sacrifice
 - d. An Ordination Offering: 29:19-28: the blood is shared between the altar and the priest: this links the priest to the sacrifice and to God
 - e. Instructions for preserving the future of the priesthood: 29:29-37
 - f. The daily responsibility of the priest: 29:38-46: The Lord would dwell among His people in a mediated way through daily sacrifice
 3. Furnishings and Funding for the Tabernacle: 30
 - a. In the Holy Place: The Incense Altar: 30:1-10: replenished daily
 - b. The Census Offering: 30:11-16: the numbers call for equality for all and dependence upon God by all
 - c. The Wash Basin: 30:17-21: worship calls for purity or death
 - d. The Oil and Incense: 30:22-38: These symbols lead to an awareness of God's presence and the absolute necessity of being separate from everything else that is common

F. Day 6: Exodus 31-33

1. God's Choice of Builders: 31:1-11: it is interesting that the first people that were filled with the Spirit (in the OT sense) were craftsmen.
2. The Sabbath as the sign of the Covenant: 31:12-18: the forty days are over: see 24:18
3. The Covenant is Broken: 32
 - a. The people make graven images: they forfeit God's blessing by breaking the terms of the covenant they agreed to keep 40 days before: 32:1-6
 - b. God's anger and Moses' intercession: 32:7-14
 - c. God mercy does not override his justice: 32:15-29: It is interesting to Moses praying to God not to destroy the people, but he is also upholding the command to not worship other gods. Killing all of them was probably a reference to the all of the Levites that led in the worship of the idol.
 - d. Moses intercedes for the people again: 32:30-35
4. The People Live, but they Have Angered God: 33

- a. God Instructs Moses and informs Moses of the consequences of the idolatry of the people: 33:1-7
- b. Moses meets with God in the tent of meeting: 33:8-11
- c. Moses appeals to the God of compassion and God promises his mercy to Moses and the people: 33:12-23: The importance of the vision of God to sustain the ministry that has given

G. Day 7: Exodus 34-36

- 1. The Covenant Is Renewed: 34
 - a. God sculpts new tablets: 34:1-4
 - b. God reveals himself to Moses again: 34:5-9
 - c. God renews his covenant with his people: 34:10-28: the contents of the covenant and the duration of Moses' absence was the same as the first time the covenant was given in chapter 24.
 - d. In the covenant renewal the people do not construct another golden calf, they wait to hear the word of the Lord through Moses: 34:29-35: the people are beginning to see the importance of the word of God and the impact those words have on their lives.
- 2. The Tabernacle: The people prepare themselves for God's presence: 35-36:7
 - a. The people are to be faithful to God by keeping the Sabbath: 35:1-3
 - b. The people are to value the presence of God above all things: 35:4-35
 - i. the materials that were needed:35:4-9
 - ii. the construction that was needed to take place: 35:10-19
 - iii. the people give God their treasure and their efforts: 35:20-29
 - iv. the people generously give and the leaders of the building project begin the construction: 35:30-36:7
- 3. Construction is underway: 36:8-39
 - a. In what follows is Moses implementing the work that God had already assigned to Moses in 25-28. God gave Moses the blueprint already, now Moses will see that this work is completed
 - b. The construction of the pieces of the tent: 36:8-38: this is the construction of 26:1-37
 - c. Maybe some these visual will help give some order to what we have read this week. Here are a couple of links that show representations of the work
 - d. <http://www.templebuilders.com/tabernacleimages/tabernacle2enlargement.jpg>
 - e. <http://www.bibleplaces.com/tabernacle.htm>

