



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE®

Exodus and Leviticus Sermon Series

Supports Session 7: God's Commands

Sermon Title: "God Keeps His Promises" (Exodus 19:1-6)

### Connection to Session 7

Exodus 19 is a key introduction to the Ten Commandments. God reminds Israel of how He promised to save them. Due to the grace that God had shown Israel, they were called to live holy lives before the Lord. We see in Exodus 19 the reminder that God's grace precedes the law.

### Introduction/Opening

Exodus 19 serves as a preface to the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20. For those with terrible flashbacks to high school grammar classes, a preface is a short chapter at the beginning of a book that is easy to skip over. However, a preface introduces the rest of the book and gives the author's purpose for writing the book. Exodus 19 is easy to skip over to get to the Ten Commandments. However, when you read Exodus 19 you see this chapter explains the grace of God and how He called Israel to live in light of the grace God has shown them. We will see that God keeps His promises and God speaks His promises.

### Outline

#### I. God keeps His promises (Ex. 19:1-2)

In Exodus 3:12, God promised He would deliver Israel from Egypt and they would worship the Lord on "this mountain." God kept His promise in leading His people to worship Him at Sinai.

##### a. Promises

- i. One reoccurring theme throughout the Bible is that God keeps His promises.

##### b. We trust God

- i. Since God keeps His promises, we are called to trust Him.
  - i. Application: Have you ever made a promise that you could not keep? We all have done this; however, God has never failed to keep His promises. This should give us great hope and courage.

#### II. God speaks His promises (Ex. 19:3-6)

God graciously saved Israel. Now they were called to faithfully obey Him.

##### a. God's grace

- i. God reminded Moses and the people of His grace. How?
  1. God brought them out of slavery in Egypt.

- ii. Before the law: Grace
  - 1. Sometimes people think of the Old Testament only as law. However, we see here that God graciously saved Israel and then gave them the law.
- b. God gave three promises to the Israelites.
  - i. The people would be God's own possession (v. 5).
  - ii. The people would be God's kingdom of priests (v. 6).
  - iii. The people would be God's holy nation (v. 6).

## **Conclusion**

Maybe you are tempted to skip over the preface of a book. However, if we skip over this preface to the Ten Commandments in Exodus 19, then we miss out on the beautiful reminder that God is a gracious and loving God who instructs us in what is right and good. God's grace precedes His instruction. God is the God who keeps His promises and speaks His promises.

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