

LESSON 34

1. From the top of Mount Sinai, what did God give to the Israelites?

-Ten commandments.

2. Why is God alone to be our God?

-Because there is only one God.

-Because there is no other God.

3. Why should we not make an image to look like God?

-Because God is spirit.

-Because God does not look like a person, or an animal, or a bird.

4. Why should we respect God's Name?

-Because God's Name and God are the same.

-Because God's Name and God are one.

5. Why should we rest one day of the week?

-Because God created the heavens and the earth in six days, and then rested on the seventh day.

6. Why should we respect our fathers and mothers?

-Because God has given us our fathers and mothers to raise us.

7. According to God, if we hate another person, what have we done?

-God says that if we hate another person, then we have killed that person.

8. According to God, if we look at another person and want to sleep with them, what have we done?

-God says that if we look at another person and want to sleep with them, then we have committed adultery with them.

9. According to God, if we think about stealing the belongings of another person, what have we done?

-God says that if we think about stealing the belongings of another person, then we have stolen them.

10. According to God, if we know the truth yet fail to tell it, what are we doing?

-God says that when we know the truth yet fail to tell it, then we are lying.

11. Why should we not want what other people have?

-Because God Himself has given it to other people.

12. If we obey all of God's commandments except one, what does God say?

-God says that it is as if we had disobeyed all of His commandments.

13. What is the punishment for breaking God's ten commandments?

-Death in the Lake of Eternal Fire.

14. How are the commandments of God like a mirror?

-The commandments of God help us to see our sin.

-The commandments of God show us our sin.

15. Why did God give us His commandments?

-To show us our dirty, sinful hearts.

16. Who alone can cleanse our dirty, sinful hearts?

-God.

-Because God did not want the Israelites to forget His ten commandments, God wrote them on two tablets of stone.

-God called Moses up to the top of Mount Sinai to get the two tablets of stone.

Let's read Exodus 24:12

12-The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commands I have written for their instruction."

-Moses obeyed God, and went up Mount Sinai.

-A young man named Joshua accompanied Moses.

Let's read Exodus 24:13-15 & 18

13-Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God.

14-He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

15-When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it.

18-Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

-When Moses reached the top of Mount Sinai, God gave him His ten commandments.

-When God gave Moses His ten commandments, He also commanded Moses to build something for Him.

-God commanded Moses to build a tent for Him.

Let's read Exodus 25:8

8-The LORD said to Moses, “Have Israel make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.”

-Why did God command Moses to build a tent for Him?

-Does God need a house to live in?

-No.

-Why does God not need a house to live in?

-Because God is spirit.

-Because God is everywhere at all times.

-Why did God command Moses to build a tent for Him?

-Do you remember the agreement that God made with the Israelites?

-What was the agreement that God made with the Israelites?

-If the Israelites obeyed all of His commandments, what did God promise to do?

-If the Israelites obeyed all of His commandments, God promised to bless them.

-If the Israelites did not obey all of His commandments, what did God promise to do?

-If the Israelites did not obey all of His commandments, God promised to punish them.

-Were the Israelites able to obey all of God's commandments?

-No.

-Did God know that the Israelites were not able to obey all of His commandments?

-Yes.

-What is God's punishment for breaking even just one of His commandments?

-Death in the Lake of Eternal Fire.

-Here is why God commanded Moses to make Him a tent:

-Because God loved the Israelites, He did not want them to die in the Lake of Eternal Fire.

-Because God did not want the Israelites to die in the Lake of Eternal Fire, God provided a way of escape for them.

-What was the way of escape God provided for the Israelites?

-When the Israelites sinned and broke one of God's commandments, the Israelites would go to the tent and bring the blood of animals.

-What would God do when He would see the blood of the animals?

-When God would see the blood of animals, He would withhold punishing the Israelites until a better payment for sin would be made.

-How did God want Moses and the Israelites to build the tent?

Let's read Exodus 25:9

9-The LORD also said to Moses, “Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.”

-How did God want Moses and the Israelites to build the tent?

-Exactly according to what God said.

-How did God want Noah to build the boat?

-Exactly according to what God said.

-Just as God commanded Noah to build the boat exactly according to what God said, God also commanded Moses to build the tent exactly according to what God said.

-We cannot tell God how we will come to Him.

-We must come to God in the way He tells us.

-We cannot come to God our way.

-We must come to God in God’s way alone.

-Where do we learn the way of God?

-In God’s Book, the Bible.

-Of what materials did God command the Israelites to build the tent?

-From animal skins and materials made from the hair of goats.

-Then, God commanded Moses to make two rooms in the tent.

-What were the names of the two rooms which God commanded Moses to make in the tent?

-The Holy Room and the Most Holy Room.

-The first room was called the Holy Room.

-It was a room that was for God.

-Only a few people were able to enter the first room.

-The second room was called the Most Holy Room.

-This room was for God alone.

-Only one person was able to enter the Most Holy Room just one time a year.

-This was because the glory of God would be in this room.

-If the Israelites built the tent exactly according to the way that God told Moses, then the glory of God would enter the Most Holy Room of the tent.

-God then commanded Moses to make a special box to put in the Most Holy Room.

-The special box was called the Ark of the Covenant.

Let's read Exodus 25:10-11

10-The LORD told Moses, "Have Israel make a chest of acacia wood--two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high.

11-Overlay it with pure gold, both inside and out, and make a gold molding around it."

-God commanded that the Ark of the Covenant must be made from the wood of a special tree.

-God also commanded that the Ark of the Covenant must be covered with gold.

-God also commanded that the Ark of the Covenant must be two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high.

-Then, God commanded Moses to make a cover for the Ark of the Covenant.

Let's read Exodus 25:17

17-The LORD also told Moses, "Make an atonement cover of pure gold--two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide."

-God commanded Moses to make a cover of pure gold for the Ark of the Covenant.

-God also commanded that the cover must be two and a half cubits long, and a cubit and a half wide.

-This cover would be where the glory of God would stay with the Israelites.

-Then, God commanded Moses to make two gold angels for the cover.

Let's read Exodus 25:18-20

18-The LORD also told Moses, "And make two cherubim out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover.

19-Make one cherub on one end and the second cherub on the other; make the cherubim of one piece with the cover, at the two ends.

20-The cherubim are to have their wings spread upward, overshadowing the cover with them. The cherubim are to face each other, looking toward the cover."

-God commanded Moses to make one gold angel on one end of the cover, and the other gold angel at the other end of the cover.

-God commanded that the two angels were to face one another, with their wings stretching out to cover the cover, and their faces looking down.

-Then, God commanded Moses to put the cover on top of the Ark of the Covenant.

Let's read Exodus 25:21-22

21-The LORD also told Moses, "Place the cover on top of the ark and put in the ark the Testimony, which I will give you.

22-There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the Testimony, I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites."

-God commanded Moses to put the two tablets of His ten commandments inside of the Ark of the Covenant.

-It would be above the cover between the two gold angels where the glory of God would stay with the Israelites.

-God also commanded Moses to hang a curtain to divide the Most Holy Room and the Holy Room.

Let's read Exodus 26:31 & 33

31-The LORD also told Moses, "Make a curtain of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen, with cherubim worked into it by a skilled craftsman.

33-Hang the curtain from the clasps and place the ark of the Testimony behind the curtain. The curtain will separate the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place."

-What was the meaning of the curtain to divide the Most Holy Room and the Holy Room?

-The curtain was to teach the Israelites that they were separated from God because of sin.

-Just as the curtain separated the Most Holy Room and the Holy Room, sin separates God and people.

-When the curtain was finished, God then commanded Moses to place the Ark of the Covenant in the Most Holy Room.

-God also commanded Moses to make a fence around the tent.

-Inside of the fence and in front of the tent, God then commanded Moses to make an altar of wood covered with bronze.

Let's read Exodus 27:1-2

1-The LORD also told Moses, "Build an altar of acacia wood, three cubits high; it is to be square, five cubits long, and five cubits wide.

2-Make a horn at each of the four corners, so that the horns and the altar are of one piece, and overlay the altar with bronze."

-When an Israelite sinned, God commanded them to bring an animal to be slaughtered at the bronze altar.

-Here is how God said for the Israelites to slaughter the animal:

Let's read Leviticus 1:4

4-The LORD said to Moses, "He is to lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him."

-God commanded that the Israelite put his hand on the head of the animal, and then to slaughter the animal.

-Why did God command the Israelites to put their hand on the head of the animal they would slaughter?

-The Israelite would put his hand on the head of the animal to admit to God that he had sinned and should die, but that God would accept the death of the animal and not his death.

-Was the blood of animals able to pay for the sins of the Israelites?

-No.

-Then why was God asking the Israelites to slaughter an animal for their sins?

-God was teaching the Israelites that the punishment for sin is death.

-What would God do when He would see the blood of the animals?

-When God would see the blood of the animals, He would withhold punishing the Israelites until a better payment of blood would be made.

-Then, God commanded Moses to make his brother Aaron the chief priest.

-God also commanded Moses to make Aaron's sons as priests.

Let's read Exodus 28:1

1-The LORD also told Moses, "Have Aaron your brother brought to you from among the Israelites, along with his sons Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, so they may serve me as priests."

-God made Aaron and his sons as priests.

-But only Aaron, the chief priest, was allowed to enter the Most Holy Room.

-And Aaron was allowed to enter the Most Holy Room only one time a year.

-Because God is holy and hates all sin, the chief priest was able to enter the Most Holy Room only one time a year.

Let's read Leviticus 16:2

2-The LORD said to Moses, "Tell your brother Aaron not to come whenever he chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the atonement cover on the ark, or else he will die, because I appear in the cloud over the atonement cover."

-What would happen if Aaron entered the Most Holy Room whenever he chose?

-Aaron would die.

-Aaron was able to enter the Most Holy Room only one time a year on the day that God chose.

-When the day arrived that God chose for Aaron to enter the Most Holy Room, what did God command Aaron to take with him?

Let's read Leviticus 16:14

3-The LORD also told Moses, "He is to take some of the bull's blood and with his finger sprinkle it on the front of the atonement cover; then he shall sprinkle some of it with his finger seven times before the atonement cover."

-God commanded Aaron to take the blood of an animal into the Most Holy Room.

-What was Aaron to do with the blood of the animal?

-He was to sprinkle the blood on the cover of the Ark of the Covenant.

-Because God is holy and hates all sin, the chief priest had to take the blood of animals into the Most Holy Room and sprinkle the blood on the Ark of the Covenant.

-If Aaron obeyed God, and sprinkled the blood on the Ark of the Covenant, then what would God do?

-God would withhold His punishment of the sins of the Israelites for one more year until a better payment for sin would be made.

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