

YAHWEH'S COVENANT CONFIRMED, Exodus 24:3,7-8

CONNECT

1. Twice in Exodus 24:3 & 7, the people of Israel announce their desire to obey God. When did you first announce your desire to obey God—to make Jesus your Lord? Share your stories with each other. If you have never done so, take the chance to do this today.

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2. This passage refers to God's Words that mention the 10 Commandments as well as chapters of rules and judgments. Why do we need rules and commandments to live by? What would happen without them? See Judges 21:25 for comparison.
3. Read aloud the 10 Commandments in Exodus 20:1-17. What would the world be like if everyone obeyed these commandments, especially the first? Why don't we obey them even when we know this?
4. In Exodus 24:7 the people commit not only to agree with God and the truth of His Words, but also to obey them. Is it possible to agree with the truth of God's Word without obeying them?
5. Compare Exodus 24:8 with Luke 22:20. What is similar between them? What is different? Why are the differences so important? (See Hebrews 9:1, 11-12.)
6. Read Exodus 19:16-19. What would this have felt like to witness? What does it teach you about who God is? Read Exodus 24:9-11. What would it have felt like to be at this meal? What do these verses tell you about the heart of God toward His people?
7. In Exodus, Israel was experiencing the beginning of God's revelation in Scripture. Today, we have the completed writings of God in the Bible. Read 1 Corinthians 10:6 & 11. Based on these verses, why is it important for us to study Exodus when we have all the New Testament at our fingertips?

CONTRIBUTE

8. The covenant inaugurated with blood at Sinai dedicated one nation to God. The covenant inaugurated by Jesus' blood unites the redeemed people of all nations to God and therefore to each other. Consider the people in your life with whom you do not have unity. How does the gospel of Jesus Christ make unity possible with these people? (Reflect back on Ephesians 2:10, 13-22). Pray about how God would have you pursue peace and unity with these people this week.
9. Like Moses, we can all spend time with God personally and then communicate what we learned about Him with others. This week, intentionally seek God privately. As you do, take note of a few things you learned about God. Seek out people with whom to share these things.