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SCRIPTURES

- Exodus 21:1-24:18
- II Corinthians 3:17-18
- Philippians 3:12-15

WATCHING PAINT DRY

- Tour Guides
- Slow Moving Vehicles
- I Do! I Do! I Do!

What's taking so long? Are we there yet? When are we going? How much longer? Is it almost done? I can't wait until we get there. I wish this day would end already! I just can't wait any longer. Sound familiar?

You are certain what God has promised you; it's clear He has spoken to you and directed you. You even have a gazillion confirmations from friends and strangers and songs and scriptures and billboards and unexplained coincidences, and twelve random overheard conversations. There is simply no doubt about what God's saying, what He's promised. And then... tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock. It's like time has stood still! What happened?

Ah, the predictable, immeasurable, unknowable, inevitable delay between God's promise and it's fruition... tick-tock, tick-tock,

tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock... We don't like it. No, it's more visceral than that. We hate it; we abhor it; we despise it! But, the alternative is certainly worse. Step in where you don't belong, at the wrong time, and you are bound to get eaten by wild beasts.

The pattern is clear, so, hop on board the moving sidewalk that at times seems to trail slightly behind a snail. Is it any wonder why patience grows on both the love tree and the fruit of the Spirit tree? It's slow moving for sure, little by little, and you might say from glory to glory. Oh, and one more thing. It may seem slow, but strap-in anyway and enjoy the ride, because with God, even slow moving vehicles are outrageously thrilling and require you to fasten your seat belts!

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

"I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the beasts of the field become too numerous for you. Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and you inherit the land." Exodus 23:29-30 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

"Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a

mirror the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed into the same image from glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.” II

Corinthians 3:17-18 NKJV

“Not that I have already attained, **or am already perfected**; but **I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me**. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead**, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. **Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind**; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.” Philippians 3:12-15 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. The first three chapters of this portion of Scripture deliver a legal code of laws and commandments that form the core for the Torah's laws. The last chapter tells the story of how the people of Israel consented to keep these laws and make their permanent "I do" as they enter into a marriage covenant relationship with God through a series of rituals conducted by Moses.

Exodus 21

2. **The Law Concerning Hebrew Servants [Slaves]:** Right from the start, this portion reveals one of the most prophetically significant and relevant scriptures for all those who would come to know Y'shua as the Messiah.

(a) A Hebrew servant is in bondage for six years and is then permitted to go out for free without cost in the seventh year.

But there are some important stipulations:

- 1) If he comes in by himself, he shall go out by himself;
- 2) If he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him;
- 3) If his master has given him a wife, and she has borne him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master's, **and he shall go out by himself;**
- 4) But if the servant loves his master, wife, and children, he can choose to stay a servant [**and keep his wife and children**];
- 5) If the slave makes a decision to stay, **it is a permanent** and it is witnessed by the judges and consummated with a piercing.
- 6) What and who does this sound like? A hebrew servant has the option to go free, but he chooses instead to stay, so he can keep the bride he was given while in slavery!

- 7) Because he has chosen to stay, his master shall bring him to the judges. Then he shall bring him for a piercing and he shall serve his master forever.
3. Then we see the laws of a female servant and how they differ from males.
4. **The Law Concerning Violence:** (violence against another person)
5. **Animal Control Laws:** Man vs. Animal, Animal vs. Man, and Animal vs. Animal

Exodus 22

6. **Responsibility for Property:** Theft, Fire, Neighbor's Crops, Money and goods, Trespassing, Lost things, and Borrowed things
7. **Moral and Ceremonial Principles:** Enticing virgins, Sorcery, Relations with animals, Sacrifices to any god but Yahweh, Treatment of strangers, Widows and Orphans, Laws of lending, Interest and Pledges, Cursing Yahweh and Rulers, First Fruits and Firstborns, and Meat from animals killed in the wild.

Exodus 23

8. **Justice for All:** No false reports, Do not follow a crowd to do evil; Do not testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after many to pervert justice; No partiality to a poor man in his dispute; Help for your enemy's animal; Do not pervert the judgment of the

poor in his dispute; Keep yourself far from a false matter; Do not kill the innocent and righteous; Take no bribe; and Do not oppress a stranger because you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

9. **The Law of Sabbaths:** Sabbath rest for the land; Do not gather your crops in the seventh year but let the poor and beasts eat from your land freely that year; Six days of work and on the seventh day you shall rest, even beasts and servants.
10. Be circumspect and make no mention of the name of other gods, nor let it be heard from your mouth.
11. **Three Annual Feasts:** “Three times [seasons] you shall keep a feast to Me in the year; Three times in the year all your males shall appear before Yahweh [ultimately in Jerusalem]: (1) Passover (with Unleavened Bread and First Fruits), (2) Feast of Weeks (Shavuot or Pentecost—we see this in Acts 2, SEE POINT #12), and (3) Feast of Tabernacles.
12. “*When the Day of **Pentecost** had fully come, they were all with **one accord in one place.**” (Acts 2:1)
 - a) They were keeping the command to appear before Yahweh for the feast of Shavuot, and not just Jews but everyone who identified as followers of Yahweh, just like the audience he is speaking to in Exodus, a mixed multitude who came out with Israel. (Exodus 12:38)*

b) *“And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation [a mixed multitude] under heaven.” Acts 2:5*

13. **The Angel and the Promises:** Yahweh will send an angel before them to keep them in the way and to bring them into the place which He has prepared.

- a) Beware of Yahweh and obey His voice; then He will be an enemy to their enemies and an adversary to their adversaries.
- b) He will bless their bread and water.
- c) He will take sickness away, miscarriages and barrenness in the land;
- d) He will fulfill the number of their days.
- e) He will slowly defeat their enemies before their very eyes.
- f) He will set their ancient boundaries from the Red Sea to the sea, Philistia, and from the desert to the River.

14. Yahweh instructs the people to make no covenant with His enemies, nor with their gods.

Exodus 24

15. **Israel Affirms the Covenant (a marriage covenant):** Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the people answered with one voice and said, **“All the words which the Lord has said we will do.”** And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in

the hearing of the people. And they said, **“All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient.”** And Moses took the **blood**, sprinkled it on the people, and said, **“This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words.”**

- a) Key prophetic point; the marriage covenant is a blood covenant. It takes Faith plus Blood. That is why Y’shua shed His blood so we could be His bride forever.

16. **Israel on the Mountain with God:** Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, **and they saw the God of Israel. And He did not lay His hand on them.** Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them.” So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. The cloud covered it six days. **And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.** The sight of the glory of Yahweh was like a **consuming fire** on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

17. **The Church on the Mountain with God:** *“For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. (For they could not endure what was commanded: “And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow.” And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.”) **But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,** to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and **church of the firstborn** who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.”* Hebrews 12:18-24 NKJV

18. Last year’s teaching in this portion was called [Fake News](#)

TOUR GUIDES

1. Angel guide or angel guide?

A. Heed the voice of the Angel

(1) My Name is in Him!

- (a) “Behold, **I send an Angel** before you **to keep you in the way** and **to bring you into the place** which I have prepared. **Beware of Him** and **obey His voice; do not provoke Him**, for **He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him.**” Exodus 23:20-21 NKJV
- (2) Obey and I will handle your enemies
- (a) “But **if you indeed obey** His voice and **do all that I speak**, then **I will be an enemy to your enemies** and an adversary to your adversaries.” Exodus 23:22 NKJV
- (3) DO NOT worship foreign gods!
- (a) “For **My Angel will go before you** and bring you in to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites and the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will cut them off. **You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works;** but you shall utterly **overthrow them and completely break down their sacred pillars.**” Exodus 23:23-24 NKJV
- (4) Serve Yahweh!
- (a) “So you shall **serve the Lord your God**, and **He will bless** your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you.” Exodus 23:25 NKJV

- (5) You will be fruitful and live long
- (a) “**No** one shall suffer **miscarriage or be barren** in your land; I will **fulfill the number of your days.**” Exodus 23:26 NKJV
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- (d) Serve Yahweh and He will bless you with many children and long lives.

B. Other Notable Angel Encounters

(1) Jacob’s Wrestling Match

- (a) “And he arose that night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok. He took them, sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had. Then Jacob was left alone; **and a Man wrestled with him** until the breaking of day. Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob’s hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. **And He said, “Let Me go, for the day breaks.” But he said, “I will not let You go unless You bless me!”** So **He said** to him, “What is your name?” He said, “Jacob.” And **He said**, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God

and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked, saying, **"Tell me Your name, I pray."** And He said, **"Why is it that you ask about My name?"** And He blessed him there. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: **"For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."** Just as he crossed over Penuel the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip. Therefore to this day the children of Israel do not eat the muscle that shrank, which is on the hip socket, because He touched the socket of Jacob's hip in the muscle that shrank." Genesis 32:22-32 NKJV

(2) Moses Talks with a Bush

- (a) "Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. **And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush.** So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, **"I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."** So when **the Lord saw that he turned aside** to look, **God called to him from the midst of the bush**

and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

Exodus 3:1-4 NKJV

- (b) See [Inquiring Minds Want to Know](#) for a complete teaching on Moses' burning bush encounter.

(3) Hearing the Voice of God

- (a) "**My sheep hear My voice**, and I know them, and they follow Me." John 10:27 NKJV
- (b) "Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, **but the Lord was not in the wind**; and after the wind an earthquake, **but the Lord was not in the earthquake**; and after the earthquake a fire, **but the Lord was not in the fire**; and **after the fire a still small voice.**" I Kings 19:11-12 NKJV
- (c) "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; **He leads me beside the still waters**. He restores my soul; **He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake**. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies**; You anoint my head with

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SLOW MOVING VEHICLES

2. All Good Things Take Time

A. **Little by Little:** "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." John 16:12 NKJV

(1) Now that we've established your required Obedience, I will fight your enemies and clear the path...

(a) **"I will send My fear before you, I will cause confusion** among all the people to whom you come, and **will make all your enemies turn their backs to you.** And I will **send hornets** before you, which shall **drive out** the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before you." Exodus 23:27-28 NKJV

(2) But, I will not do it instantly, because you won't be able to handle it all at once! I will do it little by little, otherwise the rapid change will ruin you! But, once you've increased (become ready), then I will complete the work!

(a) **"I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the beasts of the field become too numerous for you. Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and you inherit the land."** Exodus 23:29-30 NKJV

(b) Reiterated the same message in Deuteronomy

1. "And the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you **little by little**; you will be unable to destroy them at once, **lest the beasts of the field become too numerous for you.**" Deuteronomy 7:22 NKJV

2. "But **the Lord your God will deliver them over to you**, and will inflict defeat upon them **until they are destroyed.**" Deuteronomy 7:23 NKJV

(3) I will hand over your enemies...

(a) "And **I will set your bounds** from the Red Sea to the sea, Philistia, and from the desert to the River. For I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and

you shall drive them out before you.” Exodus 23:31

NKJV

- (4) Do not make friends with your enemies nor let them cohabitate with you. The desire to live like them and play with their false gods will be too tempting!
- (a) **“You shall make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.** They shall not **dwell in your land,** lest they make you **sin** against Me. For **if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you.”**” Exodus 23:32-33 NKJV
- (5) To become mature, it will be a step-by-step process. You will start off drinking milk, like a baby. Babies understand very little. But as you grow, you will be able to handle more and more. If you try to digest too much at too young an age, when you are not ready, you will choke!
- (a) “Whom will he teach knowledge? **And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk?** Those just drawn from the breasts? For **precept must be upon precept,** precept upon precept, **Line upon line,** line upon line, **Here a little, there a little.”** For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, To whom He said, **“This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest,”** And, “This is the refreshing”; Yet they would not hear. But the

word of the Lord was to them, “Precept upon precept,
precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line,
Here a little, there a little,” **That they might go and fall
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Isaiah 28:9-13 NKJV

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B. Milk to Meat: “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.” John 16:12 NKJV

(1) Becoming mature is a step-by-step process, like a child that grows into an adult over time, with all the stages in between. But, sometimes you remain a child too long and have to stay on mother’s milk when you should be able to chew solid food! The solid food is the deep understanding of God’s word culminating with a proper understand of good and evil!

(a) “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to **teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.** For everyone who partakes only of **milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness,** for he is a babe. But **solid food belongs to those who are of full age,** that is, those **who by reason of use have their**

senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

Hebrews 5:12-14 NKJV

(2) Beyond the Basics. We should be past the basic elements of our Christianity by now, but you seem to be stuck in them. Please, grow up and become mature, so you can go on to the upward call!

(a) “Therefore, **leaving the discussion of the elementary principles** of Christ, **let us go on to perfection**, not laying again the foundation of **repentance** from dead works and of **faith** toward God, of the doctrine of **baptisms**, of **laying on of hands**, of **resurrection** of the dead, and of **eternal judgment**. And this we will do if God permits.” Hebrews 6:1-3 NKJV

(3) What is the goal? What is the process? The goal is upward call, to become like Christ, to have His mind. The process is to forget the past and reach ahead. Don't go back to childish matters!

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Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, **let us be of the same mind.**" Philippians 3:12-16 NKJV

- (4) The Process...Put away childish things; remember you are over your sins; start thinking like Y'shua!
- (a) When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; **but when I became a man, I put away childish things.** For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known." I Corinthians 13:11-12 NKJV
- (b) "For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has **forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.**" II Peter 1:9 NKJV
- (c) "For he who has died has been **freed from sin.**" Romans 6:7 NKJV
- (d) "For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" **But we have the mind of Christ.**" I Corinthians 2:16 NKJV

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adult!
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- (b) “Now the Lord is the Spirit; and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty**. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed into the same image from glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.” II Corinthians 3:17-18 NKJV
- (c) “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that **we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs**

of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”

Romans 8:16-17 NKJV

- (d) “because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption **into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**” Romans 8:21 NKJV
- (2) When tested along the way, fear not. It will never be more than you can handle. And there will always be a way out!
 - (a) “No **temptation has overtaken you** except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who **will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able**, but with the temptation will **also make the way of escape**, that you may be able to bear it.” I Corinthians 10:13 NKJV
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D. Patience is a Virtue: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." John 16:12 NKJV

(1) **Primary Principle: Wait on the Lord!** "Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!" Psalms 27:14 NKJV

(a) **Be still so you can recognize He is God! "Be still, and know that I am God;** I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" Psalms 46:10 NKJV

- (b) **Be Still so He can do His Thing!** “And Moses said to the people, “**Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today.** For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.”” Exodus 14:13 NKJV
- (c) **Be Patient for the Lord to do His Thing!** “The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.” Exodus 14:14 NKJV
- (d) **Love is Patient!** “Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;” I Corinthians 13:4 NKJV
- (e) **The Fruit of Spirit is Patient!** “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV
- (f) **Even when you cannot see it yet, wait with patience!** “But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance [patience].” Romans 8:25 NKJV
- (g) **Be Patient for Your Harvest!** “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And **let us not grow**

weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” Galatians 6:7-9 NKJV

- (h) **Wait Patiently for Yahweh and Don't Fret!** “Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.” Psalms 37:7 NKJV
 - (i) **It may seem like a long time, but it really isn't! “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise,** as some count slackness, **but is longsuffering toward us,** not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” II Peter 3:9 NKJV
 - (j) **Clothe yourself in patience!** “Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, **put on** tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, **longsuffering;**” Colossians 3:12 NKJV
 - (k) **In the end, Yahweh is good, so just be patient! “The Lord is good to those who wait for Him,** To the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should hope and **wait quietly** For the salvation of the Lord.” Lamentations 3:25-26 NKJV
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Summary: SLOW MOVING VEHICLES

3. All Good Things Take Time

- (1) Little by Little

(a) "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." John 16:12 NKJV

1. Now that we've established your required Obedience, I will fight your enemies and clear the path...
2. But, I will not do it instantly, because you won't be about to handle it all at once! I will do it little by little, otherwise the rapid change will ruin you! But, once you've increased (become ready), then I will complete the work!
3. This little by little concept is so important that I will reiterate it Deuteronomy.
4. I will indeed hand over your enemies...
5. When I do, do not make friends with your enemies nor let them cohabit with you. The desire to live like them and play with their false gods will be too tempting!
6. To become mature, it will be a step-by-step process. You will start off drinking milk, like a baby. Babies understand very little. But as you grow, you will be able to handle more and more. If you try to digest too much at too young an age, when you are not ready, you will choke!

(2) Milk to Meat

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1. Becoming mature is a step-by-step process like a child that grows into an adult over time, with all the stages in between. But, sometimes you remain a child too long and have to stay on mother's milk when you should be able to chew solid food! The solid food is the deep understanding of God's word culminating with a proper understand of good and evil!
2. Beyond the Basics. We should be past the basic elements of our Christianity by now, but you seem to be stuck in them. Please, grow up and become mature, so you can go on to the upward call!
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4. From Betrothal To Marriage (This section is an extension of last week’s teaching: [Cancellation Policy](#))

A. I Do #1

(1) The Proposal

(a) **Keep My Covenant and you will be My people. You in?**

“And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. Now therefore, **if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**’

These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.” So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the Lord commanded him.” Exodus 19:3-7

(2) The First “I Do!”

(a) **We do!** “Then all the people answered together and said, “**All that the Lord has spoken we will do.**” So Moses brought back the words of the people to the Lord.” Exodus 19:8 NKJV

B. The Conditions

(1) No way out (See [Cancellation Policy](#) for an entire teaching on this topic)

- (a) **You've heard My voice—NO MORE sin!** “And Moses said to the people, “Do not fear; for **God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.**” ...Then the Lord said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘**You have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.**’” Exodus 20:20, 22 NKJV Proof

C. I Do #2

- (1) Are you really sure?

- (a) **The people affirm their “I do!” a second time!** “So Moses came and **told the people all the words of the Lord and all the judgments.** And all the people answered with one voice and said, “**All the words which the Lord has said we will do.**”” Exodus 24:3 NKJV

- (2) The Shedding of Blood

- (a) **Blood to ratify the agreement!** “And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. **And Moses took half the blood and**

put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar.” Exodus 24:4-6 NKJV

(3) Every Covenant requires blood! For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. Not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

(a) **The Shadow!** “For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. **For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.** For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives. **Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood.** For when Moses had

spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you." Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. **And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.** Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these." Hebrews 9:13-23 NKJV

D. I Do #3

- (1) Are you really, really sure?
 - (a) **The people affirm their "I do!" a third time! "Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient.""** Exodus 24:7 NKJV
- (2) The Blood seals the Marriage Covenant!
 - (a) **This is the blood of the covenant!** "And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, **"This is the**

blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words.”” Exodus 24:8 NKJV

- (b) **Y’shua’s Blood of the New Covenant!** “For **this is My blood of the new covenant**, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.” Matthew 26:28 NKJV

(3) The Ketubah: a Marriage Covenant Certificate

- (a) “Then the Lord said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and **I will give you tablets** of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them.”” Exodus 24:12 NKJV
- (b) “Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. Now the glory of the Lord rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. **The sight of the glory of the Lord was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain** in the eyes of the children of Israel. So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.” Exodus 24:15-18 NKJV

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QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

- 1. Many Bible translations capitalize nouns and pronouns when they obviously or seemingly refer to the Father, Son or Holy Spirit.**
 - A. Look up Exodus 23:20-24 in a number of versions. What word is capitalized? Who do you think this is?
 - B. What does it mean to bear God's name?
 - C. What is the clear warning and directive about foreign gods?
 - D. Name three things this entity is authorized to do.
- 2. In Genesis 32:22-32 and Exodus 3:1-4 we see two other similar encounters...**
 - A. What is the key indicator in each passage that we are dealing with the same entity?
- 3. As God's people we are certain to hear His voice... (See John 10:27)**
 - A. According to I Kings 19:11-12, what does His voice sound like at times?
 - B. What does His voice sound like to you?

- C. Relate what David heard from the Lord in Psalms 23:1-6 with the three things the entity was authorized to do in Exodus 23:20-21.
 - D. Relate Proverbs 16:9 to Exodus 23:20 and Psalms 23:1-6.
- 4. Y'shua made it very clear that God's children can't receive all He has for them in an instant... (See John 16:12-14)**
- A. Relate Exodus 23:29-30 and Deuteronomy 7:22-23 to Y'shua's words.
 - B. What would make Y'shua's disciples ready to receive all that He had for them?
 - C. What would make Israel ready to receive all that God had for them?
 - D. What was the warning if it happened too quickly?
- 5. God clearly teaches us that our growth as disciples is a step-by-step process.**
- A. How does Isaiah 28:9-13 describe this process? How does the warning in verse 13 relate to Exodus 23:29-30?
 - B. What makes us believe that Hebrews 5:12-14 is modeled after Isaiah's prophecy?
 - C. What does Hebrews 6:1-3 indicate it would look like to move on to maturity in the process?
- 6. Paul gives us his take on the maturing process in Philippians 3:12-16 and I Corinthians 13:11-12...**

- A. Describe the maturing process and the goal in Philipppians.
- B. What directive does he give that relates to Peter's words in II Peter 1:9?
- C. What human developmental process does Paul use in I Corinthians to parallel with spiritual development?

7. John does a masterful job relating human development to spiritual development in I John 2:12-14...

- A. Describe the three stages of development.
- B. How might this relate to Paul's admonition in I Corinthians 13:11-12?
- C. How might this relate to Paul's description of spiritual development in II Corinthians 3:17-18 and Romans 8:16-21?

8. There is no doubt that growth as a disciple takes patience and is not an easy process...

- A. What safety net are we promised in I Corinthians 10:13?
- B. Use the following scriptures to write your own prayer for patience. (See: Psalms 46:10; Exodus 14:13-14; I Corinthians 13:4; Galatians 5:22-23; Romans 8:25; Galatians 6:7-9; Psalms 37:7; II Peter 3:9; Colossians 3:12; Lamentations 3:25-26)