

Worship Based on His Words

Exodus 24:1 **And he said unto MOSES, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off.** 2 **And Moses alone shall come near the LORD:** but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him. 3 **And 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 hath said will we do. 4 **And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar** under

the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which **offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings** of oxen unto the LORD. 6 And Moses took half of the **blood,** and put *it* in basons; and half of the **blood** he sprinkled on the altar. 7 And **he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people:** and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. 8 And Moses took the **blood,** and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, Behold **the blood of the covenant,** which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: 10 And they saw the God of Israel: and *there was* under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in *his* clearness. 11 And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone,

and a law, and commandments which **I have written; that thou mayest teach them.** 13 And Moses rose up, and **his**

minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God. 14 And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, **Aaron and Hur** *are* with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them. 15 And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount. 16 And the

glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 17 And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. 18 And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

1. God calls the leadership to private worship

a. Over 74 are invited to come up and worship God 24:1

And he said unto MOSES, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off.

i. There were 70 elders, spiritual leaders, in the ministry of Israel

ii. They would be respected leaders

iii. Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu were the priestly leaders

- iv. Moses was the one God had put in charge to lead through the others
- b. However they will all worship from a distance
 - i. They all got to go up but would be worshipping from a distance
 - ii. Worship can often feel distant to us but we should count ourselves very blessed that we get to worship God.
 - iii. We are invited to worship Him
 - iv. We should never take this invitation lightly
- c. Only Moses will come near to the Lord **2 And**

Moses alone shall come near

the LORD: but they shall not come nigh;

neither shall the people go up with him.

- i. Moses was the go between
- ii. He stood between the people and God
- iii. Today Jesus stands there
- iv. In Jesus we can all get near to worship

- d. God honored the large leadership group with having them come before Him and participate in a special worship service
 - i. Even in the Old Testament God wasn't excluding everyone from His presence
 - ii. The leadership should be the most faithful to be in the presence of God
- e. God still took Moses into a special place alone with Him
 - i. God did have Moses have a special place of worship
 - ii. He had a special relationship
- f. God seemed to be marking the leadership in a special way **13 And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.**
- g. Then He marked Moses even more specially **18 And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.**
- h. Today, by God's grace and Jesus sacrifice, we are all brought near.
 - i. Though God met with Moses in a very special way He meets with you in the same way

- ii. You will not get new revelation but He will teach you to understand the revelation that He has already given
- iii. This great privilege just makes us much more responsible.
- iv. We have been given the priesthood of the believer so that we can go to God on our own through Jesus Christ
- v. We have liberty to study the Word of God and learn for ourselves

2. All the words

- a. Moses job was to get all the words
- b. Then Moses was to tell the people all the words [3](#) And

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 hath said will we do.

- i. Moses got the Words from God, not himself
- ii. The people responded correctly with their promise to obey the words
- iii. Preaching services have two elements
 - 1. One is to expound the words
 - 2. The other is the commitment to obey the words as we understand what God is saying
 - 3. It is not about learning more but about living more
 - 4. It is not about filling the head but affecting the entire life
- c. God would write down the commandments so that

Moses would teach them **12** And the **LORD said unto Moses,** Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which **I have written; that thou mayest teach them.**

- i. Notice these are the words, commandments, laws that God Himself has written
- ii. The words came from God
- iii. Moses was simply to teach the people what God had said
- iv. That is the job of your preachers and teachers today
 - 1. We are not to have innovative ideas
 - 2. We are not to be creative
 - 3. We are to simply tell God's people what God said
 - 4. We are to study it and learn it so that we can say it
- d. The entire ministry of God's people today is based on all the words still
 - i. We are to read and study all the words
 - ii. We should go to church and hear them expounded
 - iii. We should be teaching them to our children
 - iv. We should be hungry for learning and sharing all the words
 - v. Our church should be a place that teaches all the words

3. The altar and the blood

- a. Moses wrote down what God said **4** And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and **rose up early** in the morning, and **buildded an altar** under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.
- i. Moses was careful to keep the words that God had given
 - ii. Moses having met with God was anxious and ready to obey so he got up early
 - iii. They built an altar
 - iv. The altar had 12 pillars to represent all 12 tribes
- b. Hearing God's Words should always inspire worship
- i. We should want to humble ourselves
 - ii. We should want to respond in thanksgiving and praise
 - iii. We should want to confess our failures and seek to draw nearer
 - iv. The Word drives us to worship
- c. Worship includes offerings and sacrifice **5** And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which **offered**

burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace

offerings of oxen unto the LORD.

- i. The young men made the offerings only because it was very hard work to do the sacrifices
 - ii. Everyone's heart would be united in this offering
 - iii. Everyone would share in the expense
- d. The sacrifices were about blood **6 And Moses took half**

of the **blood,** and put *it* in basons; and half of

the **blood** he sprinkled on the altar.

- i. The animals were killed and their blood placed on the altar
- ii. Jesus was being represented because we cannot worship God without Jesus opening the door for us
- iii. They heard the word but weren't good enough to come before God on their own merit
- iv. A sacrifice was made for peace
- v. Blood was shed to bring them into the presence of God

- e. All their worship was based on the book **7** **And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people:** and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.
- i. They knew what was expected of them because of the book
 - ii. The covenant was the promise from God to them
 - iii. The covenant was how they could respond to God's great offer
 - iv. They read the book to the people
 - v. The people responded saying that they would obey
- f. The only answer for them was the blood. The blood was the basis of their covenant **8** **And Moses took the blood,** and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, Behold **the blood of the**

covenant, which the LORD hath made with
you concerning all these words.

- i. They met with God
 - ii. They got God's Word
 - iii. They read the book
 - iv. Now they meet at the altar
 - v. The blood is mentioned
- g. The altar and the blood should motivate several things
in our lives today
- i. We should be very interested in all the Words that He
has given us
 - ii. We should be up early and worshipping
 - iii. The Word of God should be more than a book to
learn about but truth to live out
 - iv. We should be ready to sacrifice and give to our
worthy God
 - v. We should always remember that all we have is due
to the shed blood of Jesus Christ
 - vi. We are people of the book

vii. We seek out His promises and seek to live out what He has put in us

4. They saw God

- a. God had invited them to come and worship
- b. They went to worship and God revealed Himself to them **9** Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: **10** And **they saw the God of Israel:** and *there was* under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in *his* clearness.
- c. The elders found out that God was not going to hurt them **11** And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink. **17** And the sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.
- d. The congregation was organized so that God's man could be alone with God **14** And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto

you: and, behold, **Aaron and Hur** are with you: **if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.**

- e. Moses was alone with God 15 And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount. 16 And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.
 - i. Ministry can often be very lonely
 - ii. Moses is alone with God
 - iii. People might not have understood Moses because of this
 - iv. Moses very likely was fearful
 - v. Moses wanted and needed to hear from God
- f. We too will see and know God
 - i. As we understand that He calls for worship
 - ii. That worship means us humbling ourselves before Him
 - iii. That we come to serve not receive
 - iv. That it is His Word that will guide everything we do and not what we would desire

- v. That without the shed blood of Jesus we would have no opportunity
- vi. That it is God Himself that has made a covenant with us
- vii. That worship includes our giving our everything to God