

Exodus 43 – I'd Rather Not Hear God

Exodus (Names) – Changing the World
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Tenth Precept – Coveting: I Want What I Want, Now!

Man's Progression from God to gods:



Scene at Mount Horeb

- God spoke at Mt Horeb
- People refused God
- People chose Moses
- Moses is Intercessor
- Moses goes to hear God, people stay below in sin



God's Presentation of Himself

- God's presentation of Himself to the Jews at Mount Horeb was to display His Holiness
 - Thunder, lightening, sounds of trumpets and
 - Darkness (arapel) - Darkness of a heavy thunderstorm
 - These are signs of judgment when God will judge Zion for its harlotry (Is. 44, Ho. 2:16-23)
 - Holiness of God displayed the same in Heaven (Re. 4:1-8, 8:1-5, 11:15-19)

Training for Universal Priesthood

- The event of Mount Horeb is the beginning of the preparation of the people for universal priesthood
 - Jewish perspective (<https://www.anglicanmainline.com/sermons/11077-aharnod/>)
 - Isaiah sees the "pillar of cloud" over Jerusalem (Is. 42:6)
 - Malachi sees God's holiness, pots holy to the Lord (Ma. 14:16-21)
 - Peter discusses this priesthood in his letter to Diaspora: this priesthood occurs only in letters to Jews (1Pe. 2:9-10, 1Pe. 2:1-2)

God Presentation of Himself

- Isaiah in his vision of God on His throne (Is. 6:1-9)
 - His message is about holiness of God
 - God's holiness always implies judgment on unholiness
 - The only way to escape judgment was by salvation, grace
- Isaiah received grace from God as do all who believe
- Israel was aroma of death or life, just as we are (GC. 2:14-30)

Who is Sufficient for This?

- Jews wavered in their faith from the onslaught of the displays of God's holiness (Unique to the Jews)
 - They were gripped by fear by these displays of God's holiness assaulting their senses, even Moses feared (He 12:18-21)
 - They moved back from the mountain
 - They did not want contact with God
 - Moses would speak to God and then to them

Double-Mindedness (He 1:5-8, 4:1-10)

- This double-mindedness characterizes their history as they drew close to God then move from Him (He 8:5-6)
 - They moved away from God – They are punished
 - They moved toward God – They are rescued
- God does not do this with those He has not called, lost
- He does this with Christians also (He 6:9-10, He 12:3-11)

God Impresses Upon His People

- God is not testing the Hebrews to determine if they will sin; rather, He is unveiling His displays of holiness to impress on them the judgment that comes to sinners
- The issue here is restrained holiness that seeks to educate unholiness (us) teaching the price of sin
- Time will come when God will judge all peoples

Stood Far Off

- The picture here is one of the Hebrews standing as far from God as they could
 - Even Moses feared God though he faithfully entered the “judgment” in order to talk with God 91: 12,20
- This is different from Enoch who walked with God, he had to have experienced the holiness of God but probably without the symbols of judgment – not a Jew

Not the New Covenant

- This covenant:
 - Does not bring the indwelling Holy Spirit of God
 - Does not bring peace with God
 - Does not make anyone a “new creations” in Christ
- This covenant:
 - Heralds death to all who attempt to live its holiness apart from the holiness of God (Grace via Salvation)

People Feared Only Judgment

- God only gave the people the Ten Precepts or Words
 - They are the foundation of His holiness both in outward and inward forms
 - But they are not the Mosaic Law but its foundations
- People did not want to be with God though they wanted the blessings of God (doesn't work that way)

Moses is their Intercessor

- People elect Moses to intercede with God for them
 - Moses, in faith and fear, walks into the darkness to commune with God
 - He receives the Law which he then gives to the Hebrews
 - He talks with God so they do not have to talk to God
- Hebrews keep their worldview despite the comparison of their unholiness with God's holiness – no change

Exodus is About Holiness

- Exodus is the first display of God's holiness to man
 - Holiness must eradicate unholiness
 - Seraphim seek to declare and defend God's holiness
 - Man must learn difference between holiness and sin
 - Egypt was sin and rejected God to experience His wrath
- Hebrews have not experienced God's wrath, yet

God Mourns Via Malachi (Mal. 1:10-11, 2:1-9)

- The old Levitical priesthood profaned the offerings
 - Offered corrupted images of Christ (Appeared sinful)
 - In future pure offerings will be given all over the world
- True covenant with Levi was:
 - Peaceful and of life
 - Fear and awe of the Lord's holiness

Hebrews to Worship a Holy God

- When Christ comes as a refiner's fire He will first purge the priesthood so they will offer pure sacrifices
- Then He will purge His people who say: (Mal 2:17-3:4)
 - It is emptiness to worship God
 - They excuse the evil doers and punish the righteous
 - They allowed evil ones to test God and find Him vain

Their Future Written at Horeb

- God will not forsake His covenant with Israel (Mal 3:17-4:6)
 - He has written in His book the names of the righteous
 - He will pardon and protect the righteous
 - He will utter desolate those Hebrews who forsake Him
- Malachi (Old Testament) ends with God admonishing Israel to remember the Law given to Moses at Horeb

Our Bodies – Holy Temple of God

- God is holiness
- Where God dwells is holy
- We are His temple (1Co 6:19-20)
- We are to be holy (1Pe 1:14-16)
- If we are unholy, God will judge us (1Co 11:23-32)

They are Us

- Many who call themselves Christians have little concern with or understanding of God's holiness
 - Mistaken belief that Christ satisfied God's holiness so they do not need to change themselves
 - Their sense of familiarity of God (Christ) lulls them into false sense of security in their unholiness
 - The Bema Seat will disabuse them of this attitude

Summary of Holiness

- The Hebrews heard these Ten Precepts and feared their God because of His displays of Holiness and Judgment
- They wavered in their willingness to follow God
- They chose Moses to be their intercessor so they could stand apart from God's holiness
- Moses, in fear, walked into holiness of God, blessed

We Are No Different

- We have the living Spirit of God indwelling us and His word in our hands
- We ignore God's Law and Holiness seeking our own sins and pleasures saying, "Worship of God is vain!"
- We want judgment on the world while escaping our own justice just as they did - we fear God's Holiness