

Entering Into Formal Relationship

And God spoke all these words, saying,

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

1. God/Israel Make Their Relationship Official.

2. God Reveals His Character in His Requirements.

3. God’s Merciful Provision Shows How Our Hearts Work.

CONCLUSION: The Lord has revealed Himself to us, His treasured people. He has made promises to us. He called us to Himself and taught us what it means to walk by faith in Him alone. We have His words to guide us to walk side-by-side with Him. He entered into formal covenant with us. We have been shown the gospel and given His Spirit. So let us walk in the power of the Spirit in newness of life to His praise!

Scripture Passages to Explore This Week

Genesis 15:1-21	God seals His covenant with Abram.
Exodus 6:2-8	God summarizes His covenant with His people.
Leviticus 26:40-45	Yahweh will remember His covenant.
Deuteronomy 4:9-14	Moses reminds the people to keep covenant.
Matt. 22:34-40	Jesus summarizes godly living.
John 14:15-24	“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”
First Peter 1:13-25	“You shall be holy, for I am holy.”
First John 4:13-21	Love for God will necessarily include love for man.

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Q. 98. Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?

A. The *moral law* is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments, which were delivered by the voice of God upon mount Sinai, and written by him in two tables of stone; and are recorded in the twentieth chapter of Exodus. The four first commandments containing our duty to God, and the other six our duty to man. *See Deut. 10:4; Ex. 34:1-4; Matt. 22:37-40.*

Q. 101. What is the preface to the ten commandments?

A. The *preface to the ten commandments* is contained in these words, *I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.* Wherein God manifests his sovereignty, as being Jehovah, the eternal, immutable, and almighty God; having his being in and of himself, and giving being to all his words and works: and that he is a God in covenant, as with Israel of old, so with all his people; who, as he brought them out of their bondage in Egypt, so he delivered us from our spiritual [captivity]: and that therefore we are bound to take him for our God alone, and to keep all his commandments. *See Gen 17:7; Ex. 20:2; 3:14; 6:3; Lev 18:30; 19:37; Is 44:6; Luke 1:74-75; Acts 17:24-28; Rom 3:29; 1Pet 1:15-18.*