

**Sunday, February 26, 2023**

**Title:** “God’s Promise and God’s Presence”

**Text:** Exodus 24

**Series:** *Exodus: God Sovereignly Saves His People*

**Part 1: The Ratification of the LORD’s Covenant through Moses**

**1. The LORD confirms His covenant through Moses, their Mediator (Ex 24:1–2).**

Exodus 24:1–18 (ESV)

**The Covenant Confirmed**

*24 Then he said to Moses, “Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. <sup>2</sup> Moses alone shall come near to the Lord, but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him.”*

**2. Moses, as mediator for the new nation of Israel, covenants with the LORD through blood (Ex 24:3–8).**

**A. Moses conveys the LORD’s words, the people promise complete obedience (Ex 24:3).**

*<sup>3</sup> Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.”*

**B. Again, the people promise to obey “all that the Lord has spoken” (v. 7) and Moses mediates through sacrificial offerings (vv. 4–5) and a blood covenant (v. 8).**

<sup>4</sup> And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. 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. <sup>5</sup> And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. <sup>6</sup> And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup> Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." <sup>8</sup> And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

### **3. Moses, and a selection of others, "saw the God of Israel" and "ate and drank" with Him (Ex 20:9–11).**

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup> and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup> And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

### **4. Moses enters the glory of the LORD on the top of Mt. Sinai (Ex 20:12–18).**

<sup>12</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup> So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the Lord dwelt 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. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

## **Part 2: Understanding the LORD's Covenant through Jesus**

**1. The LORD confirms His covenant through Jesus, the ultimate Mediator**

**2. Jesus, as mediator for all who come in faith, covenants with believers through His own blood**

**A. Jesus conveys the LORD's words, the Spirit of God enables obedience**

**B. Jesus mediates through THE "once-for-all" sacrificial offering—Himself, the Lamb of God**

**3. After His resurrection, His disciples "saw God" and "ate and drank" with Him**

**4. Jesus ascends to the glory of the LORD in Heaven**

**5. Through Jesus, any who believe can enter the glory of LORD with "unveiled face"**