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## WHEN GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD, LISTEN!

EXODUS 20:18-23:19 | REV. LITO VILLORIA

In Exodus 20:1-17, God spoke and gave the Ten Commandments to Israel. The Ten Commandments served as the constitution of Israel and the foundation of the Mosaic Law. It is like ancient Near Eastern suzerain-vassal treaties, wherein a king makes a covenant with a lesser king. In this context, the greater king imposed his authority over the lesser king. And the lesser king receives benefits if he complies with the covenant. In the same manner, God entered a covenant with Israel. And, Israel stands to benefit if they would listen to God.

When God spoke, the people feared. They pleaded with Moses to be their mediator. God revealed Himself to Israel so that they would fear and not sin against Him. The people stood from afar while Moses drew near God's presence (Exodus 20:18-21).

God reiterated to Israel that He is the One True Living God whom they should worship. They should not practice syncretism and polytheism, unlike the pagan nations, otherwise, they would suffer the wrath of God (Exodus 20:22-26; Deuteronomy 4:15-18, 23-28; 6:13-15).

God then gave Moses specific instructions on how to implement

the Ten Commandments. These rules, which included civil and religious ordinances, were an integral part of the Mosaic Law (Exodus 21:1-23:19).

God gave the Mosaic Law to give Israel wisdom on how to live in the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 4:6). It was not a means to achieve right standing before God (Romans 3:20, Galatians 2:15-16). But, it was given to make Israel aware of her sinfulness and stay on the right path (Romans 7:7). If they would listen to and keep God's commandments, they would receive His good promises (Exodus 19:5-6).

While Christians are not under the Mosaic Law, God speaks to us through Jesus Christ, His Son, the Living Word (Hebrews 1:1-2; John 1:1). When we listen to God through His Word, we, too, will reap the benefits of our obedience (Psalm 119:130; Hebrews 4:12-13; Timothy 3:16-17). ✱

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ONLINE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Hub Youth Ministry  
**High School Groups**

every 1st Saturdays | 4:00 PM

### College Groups

every 3rd Saturdays | 4:00 PM

### DETECT DEPRESSION IN THE FAMILY

Counselling and CWC Ministry  
Sept 4, 2021, Saturday  
10:00 AM via Zoom

### SAVED BY THE WISDOM AND POWER OF GOD

Peculiar Men's Ministry  
Sept 4, 2021, Saturday  
4 PM via Zoom

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