

GOD GIVES A LAW

Exodus 19 – 20

“I am the LORD thy GOD, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.” Exodus 20:2-3

God had brought Israel out of Egypt. He had saved them from the bondage of slavery. Pharaoh hardened his heart and did not want Israel to leave but GOD was more powerful than Pharaoh.

After his son had died in the last plague, Pharaoh told Moses and the people to leave Egypt. All of Israel left immediately. They were ready because GOD had prepared them to be dressed and ready to leave in a hurry.

Pharaoh changed his mind and pursued after the Israelites to bring them back to serve them. GOD had prepared a way for Israel to cross the Red Sea on dry land. The Egyptians pursued after them. GOD troubled them as they tried to make their way across the Red Sea. Their chariot wheels fell off and they were stuck in the mud.

Moses held out his rod as GOD had commanded and the waters came down over the Egyptians drowning them. Israel was safe on the other side. GOD had taken care of his people as He had promised.

As the people journeyed into the wilderness they encountered a few struggles. But nothing GOD could not take care of. They were hungry and GOD sent them manna each day for food. GOD also gave them clean water to drink. With all that GOD did for them they still grumbled and complained.

Moses led the children of Israel to Mt. Sinai as GOD had commanded him. GOD told Moses to come up into the mount and meet with Him there. GOD gave Moses His law that He wanted the children of Israel to follow. Moses was in the mount a very long time. The people became tired of waiting for him to return. They complained to Aaron and asked him to make them a god to worship. Aaron took the

jewelry of the people and fashioned them a golden calf idol. They people were dancing and worshipping the calf.

GOD saw what the people were doing and He became very angry with them. He sent Moses down with the 2 tablets of stone on which GOD had written the 10 commandments. When Moses saw the people he was very angry with them. He threw down the tablets of stone and they were broken.

Aaron told Moses he had just thrown the jewelry into the fire and the calf just came out. Moses was angry with Aaron and all people. He had the calf ground into powder and put into the water. Then he made them drink the water.

Moses went back up into the mount and again GOD wrote His commandments on stone. Moses brought the law down from the mountain and read it to the people.

#1 – Thou shall have no other gods before Me.

#2 – Thou shall not make any graven images.

#3 – Thou shall not take the LORD’s name in vain.

#4 – Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

#5 – Honor thy father and thy mother.

#6 – Thou shall not kill.

#7 – Thou shall not bear false witness.

#8 – Thou shall not steal.

#9 – Thou shall not commit adultery.

#10 – Thou shall not covet.

These and many other laws GOD gave to Moses while in the mount. GOD wanted the Israelites to obey Him, just as He expects obedience to the law of Christ from His people today.