

The Climactic Adoption of the Law, the Mosaic Covenant: The Great Duty of Believers After Receiving the Law, the Word of God Exodus 24:01–11

1. *God's great call: Worship Him*

- a. Extended to all: Were represented in their leaders
- b. The limitation of God's call
 - 1) Must worship afar off: Acknowledge the great gulf between God and man
 - 2) Must know that only God's appointed mediator can approach God

2. *The 1st duty: Obedience — a total commitment to obey God*

- a. Moses declared God's law, God's Word, to the people
- b. The people's commitment: Would do all God said

3. *The 2nd duty: To seal one's commitment — formal agreement*

- a. Moses wrote God's law
- b. Moses confirmed the agreement, the covenant
 - 1) Built an altar and 12 pillars
 - 2) Moses sent young men to offer sacrifices upon the altar: Burnt offerings and peace offerings
 - 3) Moses sprinkled half the blood on the altar: Symbolized the people dedicating their lives (blood) to God

- 1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance,
- 2 but Moses alone is to approach the LORD; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him."
- 3 When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do."
- 4 Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel.
- 5 Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD.
- 6 Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar.

- 4) Moses read the Book of the Covenant, the Law, to the people
- 5) The people again declared their commitment: "We will obey God's Word"
- 6) Moses sprinkled half the blood upon the people: Symbolized God offering His life (blood) to the people and binding them to Him, accepting them

4. *The 3rd duty: To worship God*

- a. Moses and the leaders obeyed God: Went up to worship God
 - 1) Saw God (see 33:20)
 - 2) Saw the pavement under God's feet: As sapphire, clear and blue like the sky
 - 3) God's glory did not strike the leaders dead
- b. The leaders ate a covenant meal before God: Symbolized the people's commitment and covenant with God

- 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey."
- 8 Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."
- 9 Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up
- 10 and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky.
- 11 But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.