

Foundation Building Blocks

FBB1-5-2-03 The Landmark Covenants – Covenant with Moses

Covenant with Moses

When it was time for the Children of Abraham to receive their promised land, their hearts were evil and far from the Lord. God was to bring this promise through the man Moses. He would give certain commandments for His people to keep that would guide them to keeping His covenant through living with Him as their LORD.

Exodus 20:1-19 And God spake all these words, saying, 2 I am the LORD thy God, which have **brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage**. 3 Thou shalt have **no other gods before me**. 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of *any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me; 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. 7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. 8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10 But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates: 11 For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. 12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. 13 Thou shalt not kill. 14 Thou shalt not commit adultery. 15 Thou shalt not steal. 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. 17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's. 18 And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw *it*, they removed, and stood afar off. 19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: **but let not God speak with us**, lest we die.

The people asked that God not speak with them, moreover that Moses would do the speaking to them in the place of God. This signified the fear they had of the Lord, but it also would separate their hearts from direct communion with Him. They asked that Moses would speak for God, and that they would obey God through the hearing of Moses.

When it came time that God would fulfill His promise to Abraham, giving him (and his seed after him) a perpetual land, the people's heart failed with fear. Moses had sent



spies into the land to view it and see how to possess it. Instead of trusting the promise from God and His ability to bring that promise to pass, the people transgressed His promise by judging Him unable to deliver it. God responded to them by condemning these unbelievers to die in the wilderness; that they would wander within the desert until all those of unbelief would eventually die. Then, after they all died, God would bring the promise to pass to those that believed and to those that had no knowledge of good and evil in the day they provoked Him with their unbelief.

Numbers 14:1-24 And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. 2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would **God we had died in this wilderness!** 3 And wherefore hath the Lord brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt? 4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt. 5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. 6 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *which* were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes: 7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, **The land**, which we passed through to search it, *is* an exceeding good land. 8 **If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us;** a land which floweth with milk and honey. 9 **Only rebel not ye against the Lord**, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they *are* bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the Lord *is* with us: fear them not. 10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the Lord appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel. 11 And the Lord said unto Moses, **How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me**, for all the signs which I have shewed among them? 12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and **disinherit them**, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they. 13 And Moses said unto the Lord, Then the Egyptians shall hear *it*, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;) 14 And they will tell *it* to the inhabitants of this land: *for* they have heard that thou Lord *art* among this people, that thou Lord art seen face to face, and *that* thy cloud standeth over them, and *that* thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night. 15 Now *if* thou shalt kill *all* this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying, 16 Because the Lord was not able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness. 17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying, 18 The Lord *is* longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation*. 19 Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now. 20 And the Lord said, I have pardoned according to thy word: 21 **But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.** 22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; 23 Surely they shall not see **the**



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land which I sware unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it: 24 But my servant Caleb, because **he had another spirit with him**, and hath **followed me fully**, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed **shall possess it.**

God was willing to destroy the people with pestilence and disinherit them because of their sin against Him (and against Moses). He had previously wiped out a sinful world with the flood but promised He would not destroy the earth again with water. God still wanted to cleanse out sin from His people, while allowing those that were faithful in their hearts to enter the promised inheritance. It's the same theme: God covens His promises of perpetual inheritance if mankind, faithfully, from their hearts, would have no other gods save the Lord.

God gave Moses His words while at the top of Mount Sinai. These words would be the commandments that the children of Israel would have to live (from their hearts) unto the Lord to keep their part of the covenant.



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Question 1

According to Exodus 20:19, Moses would speak to God on behalf of the children of Israel.

True

False

True/False

Question 2

According to Numbers 14:18, the Lord will be:

Merciful.

Long-suffering.

Declaring all not guilty.

Forgiving iniquity.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 3

According to Numbers 14:24, the seed of Caleb will possess the promised land.

True

False

True/False