



BEHOLD THE LAMB

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 | 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Who determines how we worship God? Us? God?

1 THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me. You shall worship me and me alone.

– Exodus, chapter 20 and Deuteronomy chapter 5

2 GOD SPEAKS TO A PEOPLE, NOT JUST A PERSON

While Israel was encamped there in front of the mountain, Moses went up to the mountain of God.

Then the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying: ...

Now, if you obey me completely and keep my covenant,

you will be my treasured possession among all peoples, though all the earth is mine.

You will be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.

That is what you must tell the Israelites. ...

Go to the people and have them sanctify themselves today and tomorrow ...

or on the third day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. ...

Then Moses came down from the mountain [and] said, "Be ready for the third day."

– Exodus 19:2b,3a,5-6, 10-11,14-15

3 MOSES' FIRST TRIP: GOD TEACHES HIS PEOPLE HOW TO LIVE

Exodus 20:1-17 - The 10 commandments

Exodus 21 - How to live

Exodus 22 - How to live

Exodus 23 - How to live

When Moses came to the people and related all the words of the Lord, they all answered with one voice, "We will do everything that the Lord has told us."

– Exodus 24:3

4 HOW WE WORSHIP DETERMINES WHO WE WORSHIP
AND WHEN WE FORGET HOW TO WORSHIP WE FORGET HOW TO LIVE

5 NOW THAT I'VE TAUGHT YOU HOW TO LIVE ... LET ME TEACH YOU HOW TO WORSHIP

Exodus 25 - The Ark of the Covenant, items for the "meeting tent"

Exodus 26 - Items for the "meeting tent"

Exodus 27 - Items for the "meeting tent"

Exodus 28 - The priesthood, the vestments

Exodus 29 - The priesthood and sacrifice

Exodus 30 - Items for worship

Exodus 31 - Sabbath laws

6 WONDER WHAT THE OTHERS ARE UP TO?

When the people saw that Moses was delayed in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said to him,

"Come, make us a god who will go before us;

as for that man Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him."

Aaron replied,

"Take off the golden earrings that your wives, your sons, and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me."

So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron.

He received their offering, and fashioning it with a tool, made a molten calf.

Then they cried out, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt."

Early the next day the people sacrificed burnt offerings and brought communion sacrifices.

Then they sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel."

– Exodus 32:1-6

7 HOW WE WORSHIP DETERMINES WHO WE WORSHIP

8 WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM THE STORY?

- God is the one who determines how we worship Him, not us.
- We don't determine how we worship God, God does.