



LIFEGROUP STUDY "GOD DESIRES HOLY LIVING". Exodus 20:1-21

Our study revolves around Laws, Rules or Commandments given to us. They can be Social i.e. Manners; Legal i.e. Crime and Punishment or as we see here Moral Standards i.e. our behaviour in the world that is run by a living Creator/Father.

RULES

- ~What good are they?
- ~Recall a good Rule? A bad one? A stupid one? (Remember people make them up!)
- ~Are Laws generally a good thing? Why?

THE EXODUS READ EX 6:1-8

- ~What was the Covenant? So why did the Exodus happen?
- Note the use of "Lord". What does this say about the desires of God here?*
- ~Why would the Hebrews need a set of Laws now?
- In Egypt, rank the Holiness of the Hebrews on a scale of 1-5 Say why you rate them that way.

READ EX 19:3-6

- ~ Why is Jacob mentioned here?
 - ~V4 How personal is God about this exodus?
 - ~V5 what are the conditions placed on Israel?
 - ~V6 What do they gain?
- How would you rate their Holiness on a scale of 1-5 under this new upcoming covenant? Why?

THE COMMANDMENTS

3 million people watched Moses go up Mt Sinai to meet God as they had promised at the burning bush event. Here God introduces a MORAL CODE with lots of DOs and DON'Ts, under Monotheistic Rule. The Commandments still form the basis of Anglo-Australian Law. So, they still relate to us today as GOD'S rules for Holy Living.

READ EX 20:1-11. OUR DUTY TO GOD

- ~Why is there so much explanation by God for the first 4 Laws?
- ~What must people DO?
- ~What must people NOT DO?
- ~Are V8-11 relevant now? How do we treat the Sabbath today? Why? When is it?

READ EX 20:12-17 OUR DUTY TO OURSELVES AND OTHERS

- ~What do these Laws bring to society living?
- In the EXODUS for 40 years how successful do you think they were?
What about today's world?
As a Moral Code for Holy Living they were meant to create Peace and Harmony.

READ PSALM 119:97-104

- ~List the positive points of living with these laws
- In verse 100 who were the ancients? What do you think this means to the psalmist?
- ~How has this person avoided sin?
 - ~Can Holy Living be achieved under these Laws according to this writer?

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HUMANS and LAWS

~how do these two get usually on? Does human sin nature apply here?

~Would you cope living a Holy life with the 10 Commandments?

What about the 613 Holy laws of the Torah? (Jewish Law)

GOD intended for these Laws to allow Hebrews to live a perfect, righteous life in a framework where sin needed Repentance via Blood sacrifice at Temple.

~What was the result in Israel? Would we have coped any better under this Covenant?

The Old Testament is vital to understand how it points to the Messiah - Jesus to be the answer to Israel's sinful relationship with God. Not one Hebrew could escape sinful living until Jesus He never had to make a sin offering at the temple - ever.

A NEW COVENANT

READ HEBREWS 6:6-8 Note the Old and New Covenants are linked V6

~Why is there a need for a new Covenant? V8

READ on V10-12 How is it a personal Covenant under Jesus?

This is to be THE AGE OF GRACE towards ALL people - Jews first then Gentiles.

What do these verses contribute to our understanding of this new covenant.

John 3 :16; Matt 5 :17; Matt 22 :34-40

OUR HOLY LIVING - OUR BEST LIFE!

The resurrected Jesus defeated Death and PAID for ALL sins for ever. The Holy Spirit was sent to Seal our Salvation and to empower us. Power to overcome The Dark and live a Holy Life on Earth. Unlike the children of Israel we have the Bible containing all of God's Words to humanity. We also have the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

~ How important is the Holy Spirit each day?

How do these verses AID us in Living a HOLY life as God ordained?

Ps 119 :11; James 1:5; 1 John 2: 6; Ephesians 5 :1, 8-11; Galatians 5 :13-18

What other passages do you hold dear that promote Holiness?

PRAY

That we would Follow Jesus by Reading his Word Daily (5+5+5 as an example.)

That we seek the Spirit's Lead each day. That we ask God to reveal what is not Holy in our lives.

That we commune with Jesus about our day, week, month ahead, this year, 2022???

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