

SERMON SERIES
WORSHIP IN THE WILDERNESS, EXODUS PART 3
“WORSHIP AS A COVENANT COMMUNITY”

Exodus 24
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I. Worship under the authority of the Covenant (vv. 1-7).

“Come up to the LORD”

“Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules.”

“Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it”

There are not therefore two covenants of grace, differing in substance, but one and the same, under various dispensations.

-WCF, VII, 6

II. Worship under the Blood of the Covenant (vv. 5-8).

“built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars.”

“offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen”

“Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you”

Genesis 15:7-17

Isaiah 52:13-15

Luke 22:20

Ephesians 2:14-16

Hebrews 9:19-20

“The same blood which has made peace with God will keep peace with God. As they walk in the way of obedience, the blood is available for a people committed to obey. As they stumble and fall, so the covenant blood will be available for them.”

- Alec Motyer

III. Worship culminates in covenant fellowship (vv. 9-18).

“they saw the God of Israel”

“he did not lay his hand”

“they beheld God, and ate and drank”

“glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire.”

Genesis 26:28-30

Hebrews 12:18-24, 28-29

“Worship is the context in which we as the covenant people most fully experience His presence.”

-T.M. Moore

“Building a healthy, growing church does not so much depend on how we market ourselves as on the kind of foundation we lay for our lives together in the Lord. Until prayer, impassioned teaching and hearing of the Word of God, courageous and sacrificial leadership, and responsible church membership become the foundations of our own efforts to build the church, we can hope for but temporary and superficial results at best.”

-T.M. Moore

“Sharing a meal is a powerful symbol of belonging.”

-Philip Ryken