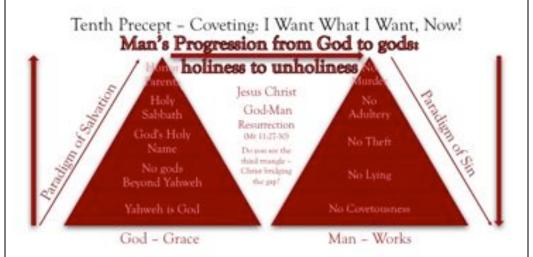
# Exodus 43 – I'd Rather Not Hear God

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### Scene at Mount Horeb

- God spoke at Mt Horeb
- People refused God
- People chose Moses
- Moses is Intercessor
- Moses goes to hear God, people stay below in sin



## God's Presentation of Himself

- God's presentation of Himself to the Jews at Mount Horeb was to display His Holiness
  - O Thunder, lightening, sounds of trumpets and
  - Darkness (arapel) Darkness of a heavy thunderstorm
  - These are signs of judgment when God will judge Zion for its harlotry (1):44, 10:23623
  - O Holiness of God displayed the same in Heaven

## Training for Universal Priesthood

- The event of Mount Horeb is the beginning of the preparation of the people for universal priesthood
  - O Jewish perspective on the second se
  - ☐ Isaiah sees the "pillar of cloud" over Jerusalem ⊕+2⊕
  - Malachi sees God's holiness, pots holy to the Lord
    Odd 1616-210
  - Peter discusses this priesthood in his letter to <u>Diaspora</u>; this priesthood occurs only in letters to Jews 0-735, 1-11, 17-2, 1-12.

## God Presentation of Himself

- Isaiah in his vision of God on His throne @640
  - His message is about holiness of God
  - God's holiness always implies judgment on unholiness
  - The only way to escape judgment was by salvation, grace
- Isaiah received grace from God as do all who believe
- Israel was aroma of death or life, just as we are accepted.

## Who is Sufficient for This?

- Jews wavered in their faith from the onslaught of the displays of God's holiness (Unique to the Jews)
  - They were gripped by fear by these displays of God's holiness assaulting their senses, even Moses feared 06-12-08-20
  - They moved back from the mountain
  - They did not want contact with God
  - Moses would speak to God and then to them

## Double-Mindedness (\$1.55,41.55)

- This double-mindedness characterizes their history as they drew close to God then move from Him @c8560
  - They moved away from God They are punished
  - They moved toward God They are rescued
- God does not do this with those He has not called, lost
- O He does this with Christians also #24 68920 Hz 12:3410

# God Impresses Upon His People

- God is not testing the Hebrews to determine if they will sin; rather, He is unveiling His displays of holiness to impress on them the judgment that comes to sinners
- The issue here is restrained holiness that seeks to educate unholiness (us) teaching the price of sin
- Time will come when God will judge all peoples

### Stood Far Off

- The picture here is one of the Hebrews standing as far from God as they could
  - Even Moses feared God though he faithfully entered the "judgment" in order to talk with God 016 12200
- This is different from Enoch who walked with God, he had to have experienced the holiness of God but probably without the symbols of judgment - not a Jew

### Not the New Covenant

- O This covenant:
  - Does not bring the indwelling Holy Spirit of God
  - Does not bring peace with God
  - Does not make anyone a "new creations" in Christ
- O This covenant:
  - Heralds death to all who attempt to live its holiness apart from the holiness of God (Grace via Salvation)

# People Feared Only Judgment

- God only gave the people the Ten Precepts or Words
  - They are the foundation of His holiness both in outward and inward forms
  - O But they are not the Mosaic Law but its foundations
- People did not want to be with God though they wanted the blessings of God (doesn't work that way)

#### Moses is their Intercessor

- People elect Moses to intercede with God for them
  - Moses, in faith and fear, walks into the darkness to commune with God
  - O He receives the Law which he the gives to the Hebrews
  - He talks with God so they do not have to talk to God
- Hebrews keep their worldview despite the comparison of their unholiness with God's holiness – no change

### Exodus is About Holiness

- Exodus is the first display of God's holiness to man
  - O Holiness must eradicate unholiness
  - Seraphim seek to declare and defend God's holiness
  - Man must learn difference between holiness and sin
  - Egypt was sin and rejected God to experience His wrath
- Hebrews have not experienced God's wrath, yet

### God Mourns Via Malachi Malachi

- The old Levitical priesthood profaned the offerings
  - Offered corrupted images of Christ (Appeared sinful)
  - O In future pure offerings will be given all over the world
- O True covenant with Levi was:
  - Peaceful and of life
  - Fear and awe of the Lord's holiness

# Hebrews to Worship a Holy God

- When Christ comes as a refiner's fire He will first purge the priesthood so they will offer pure sacrifices
- O Then He will purge His people who say: 06 247340
  - O It is emptiness to worship God
  - They excuse the evil doers and punish the righteous
  - They allowed evil ones to test God and find Him vain

### Their Future Written at Horeb

- God will not forsake His covenant with Israel 86 3 1740
  - He has written in His book the names of the righteous
  - He will pardon and protect the righteous
  - He will utter desolate those Hebrews who forsake Him
- Malachi (Old Testament) ends with God admonishing Israel to remember the Law given to Moses at Horeb

# Our Bodies - Holy Temple of God

- God is holiness
- Where God dwells is holy
- O We are His temple (100 61520)
- O We are to be holy (17/2 1:14-16)
- O If we are unholy, God will judge us (ICA 11/25/32)

# They are Us

- Many who call themselves Christians have little concern with or understanding of God's holiness
  - Mistaken belief that Christ satisfied God's holiness so they do not need to change themselves
  - Their sense of familiarity of God (Christ) lulls them into false sense of security in their unholiness
  - O The Bema Seat will disabuse them of this attitude

# Summary of Holiness

- The Hebrews heard these Ten Precepts and feared their God because of His displays of Holiness and Judgment
- They wavered in their willingness to follow God
- They chose Moses to be their intercessor so they could stand apart from God's holiness
- Moses, in fear, walked into holiness of God, blessed

## We Are No Different

- We have the living Spirit of God indwelling us and His word in our hands
- We ignore God's Law and Holiness seeking our own sins and pleasures saying, "Worship of God is vain!"
- We want judgment on the world while escaping our own justice just as they did - we fear God's Holiness