

Exodus 21-23 Seeing God's glory in the Law

Intro: Negotiating a deal

The Invitation to the Covenant (Ex 20:18-26)

Invited to approach God

- burnt offerings – commitment
- fellowship offerings – peace
- invitation is on his terms

The terms of the Covenant (Ex 21 – 23)

- 21: 1-11 Servants
- 21:12-36 Violence and Injury
- 22:1-15 Property rights and responsibilities)
- 22:16-31 Social issues
- 23:1-13 Justice in legal matters and mercy for poor
- 23:14-19 Celebrations: Feast of unleavened bread, harvest, ingathering

General overall impressions

1. Every part of life – moral, civil, ceremonial
2. Historical context: journey from Egypt to the promised land
3. a God of justice
4. a God of mercy
5. Holy God - his people are to be holy
6. a God of celebration
7. a God who keeps his covenant

Sealing the Covenant (Ex 24:1-11)

Moses and Elders approach God

- burnt offerings – whole hearted commitment
- fellowship offerings – peace
- Reads the covenant
- blood of the covenant
- saw God and lived

Conclusions

Calls us to live as his covenant people

Living for God involves every part of life

Covenant has been confirmed – the blood of Jesus