

Oxford Baptist Church – October 16, 2016 - Pastor Robin W. Pifer
Series: The Story - Message #5 “New Commands and a New Covenant”
Readings – Exodus 19-40 The Story Chapter 5

God’s Commands show his love and presence with us to achieve his plan of final atonement through Jesus Christ.

Three Revelations about God from Mount Sinai. Mosaic Covenant.

1. The Commands of God – Exodus 20:1-7

Our Relationship with God – i) You shall have no other gods before me.
ii) You shall not make idols iii) You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. iv.) Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. Mk 2:27

Our Relationship with Others – v.) Honour your father and mother.
vi.) You shall not murder vii) You shall not commit adultery. viii) You shall not steal. ix) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. x) You shall not covet.

God was King – Theocracy. Sin is Treason against God. God is Holy.

Application: God gave the law out of love to lead us to Jesus Christ.

Matt 5:17; Luke 10:27; Romans 7:7; Galatians 3:23-25

2. The Presence of God – The Tabernacle – Exodus 25:8
God wants to be with his people.

Application: God presence came to us, is with us and in us through God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

John 1:1; John 1:14; 1Cor 3:16-17; John 14:15-21, 23; 1Cor 3:16-17

Learn His Ways.

3. The Atonement Plan of God – Exodus 33:3-4; 13-22; Leviticus 1:4-5

Surrender to the Will of God. Atonement for sin rests entirely with God.

Application: God’s Provision for us is through the substitutionary atonement of Jesus Christ. Hebrews 10:4; 9:11-14; 10:19-25

Have you received His provision of salvation through Jesus Christ?



THE STORY

For Life Groups

ICEBREAKER QUESTION: What was the most important agreement you ever made with somebody? How difficult was it to keep that agreement?

1. What do the Ten Commandments reveal about the nature of God and His desire to have a relationship with us (p. 61-62)?
2. What does it mean that God is holy? What are the implications of God’s holiness as we seek Him?
3. Moses said, *“Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning”* (p. 61). How does the fear of God restrain sin?
4. What was the purpose of the Ten Commandments?
5. How can God be both the merciful forgiver of sin and the punisher or judge of the guilty?
6. The Israelites became impatient and finally made a golden idol in the shape of a calf for themselves to worship? What are some false gods/idols worshipped in our society today?
7. The Lord spoke to Moses “as one speaks to a friend.” What steps can you take to gain a deeper relationship with God?
8. Why is it important to know that when we come by faith to Jesus Christ that the Holy Spirit dwells with in us? What are the implications for us daily as we “walk in the Spirit” producing the “fruit of the Spirit”. Galatians 5.
9. What is the main reason we need the substitutionary atonement of Jesus Christ in our life?
10. What was your greatest personal take away from this message?