

Context

- 1] Moses has led the people out of Egypt to Mt Sinai where they received the Law
- 2] 11 days journey from Mt Sinai to Kadesh Barnea on edge of promised land.
- 3] People rebelled after spies' report, took 40 yrs.
- 4] Back to edge of land this time east side of Jordan. Moses reminds of Commandments.

?? 22 Why 2 stone tablets? / How is thick darkness about a God of unapproachable light?

The Covenant (1-5)

- 1] 'all Israel' (1a)

Cf 1:1

- 2] Hear statutes – learn and do them (1b)

cf Hear (6:1)

cf the first generation from Egypt - Hearing without receiving (Heb 4:2)

When God summons, come! / Learn the commands of God

- 3] Covenant (2,3)

- a) The **Lord** made

cf made a covenant (Ex 19:5; 24:7)

- b) with **you**

GRACE God made a covenant with us

* GRACE God brought the people out of Egypt BEFORE he gave them the Law*

- 4] How did it operate? (4,5)

- a) Face to face (person to person)

ie hearing His voice (Deut. 4:15-19)

Listen to commands – God is speaking to you

- b) Through a mediator

We need to declare God's Word

The standard (6-21)

- 1] I am the Lord who brought you out of Egypt / slavery (6)

GRACE God chose His people

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- 2] The commands (7)

- 1) You shall have no other God's before me

Cf other gods (1 Cor 8:5; 10:20)

Nb Defeated by Jesus (Col 2:15; Heb 2:15; 1 John 3:8b)

- 2) You shall not make for yourself a carved image
- 3) You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain
- 4) Observe the Sabbath

Cf God's blessing in keeping His Sabbath (Is 58:13,14)

- 5) Honour your father and your mother

Cf Obey parents (Eph 6:1-3; Col 3:20) / Disobeying parents (Rmns 1:30; 2Tim3:2)

- 6) You shall not murder
- 7) You shall not commit adultery
- 8) You shall not steal
- 9) You shall not bear false witness
- 10) You shall not covet

Nb Summary of commandments (Mt 22:37; Rmns 13:9)

- 3] The standard

- a) God is perfect – lives in unapproachable light (1 Tim 6)

nb keep the Law = sinless – only Jesus (Heb

b) Man is not perfect

1) most strict religious fail (Mt 5:21)

2) application to us?

Nb murder and adultery – anger and lustful look (Mt 5:21-27)

4] The purpose

a) Positively – to show the right way to live

b) Negatively – to curb wrong behaviour

c) Ultimately – to lead us to God through Jesus

Nb who will deliver me from this body of death – thanks be to God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Rom7:24f)

The Law was our guardian until Christ came in order that we might be justified by faith (Gal 3:24)

The gift – a mediator (22-33)

1] God spoke (22)

a) Out of fire, cloud and thick darkness

nb God lives in unapproachable light (1 Tim 6:16)

No one shall see me live (Ex.33:20)

(Darkness because can't see God)

b) He spoke no more

c) He wrote on two tablets

God speaks with man

2] Man shrank back (23-26)

Be humble before the Glory of God

3] Suggested a go between (27)

Cf go near and hear all that the Lord will say (Ex 20:18)

be expectant that God will speak with man

4] The Lord (28-33)

a) Heard your words agreed they need a go between (28)

** Note – our words, spoken through His mediator, are heard by God**

b) Yearned that they would always have such a heart – fear & obey (29)

God yearns for us to fear and obey Him

c) Separated – return to tents & you, Moses, stand here (30)

(nb Moses a mediator (18:15);

cf Jesus (Acts 3:21-23, I Tim 1:5; 1Jn2:1; Heb 9:15); Only way (Jn 14:6)

d) I will tell you whole commandment..... (31-33)

1) you will teach them (31)

2) you will do as I command (32a)

nb Jesus - I only do what I see my Father doing (Jn 5:19)

3) you will not turn to the right or left (32b)

4) you will walk in the way the Lord commanded you (33)

JESUS Jesus spoke the Word of God and did as the Father commanded, perfectly

e) that you may live..it may go well ...live long in the land you shall possess

Summary

God made this covenant with His living people through me (Moses) (1-5)

Love God with all your heart, soul and mind and love your neighbour as yourself (6-21, cf Mt 22:37f)

You saw the glory of God and being fearful sent me as a 'go between'.(22-27)

The Lord agreed and commissioned Moses as mediator (28-33)

MP *God wants us to fear Him / work through His mediator and keep His commands and so enjoy His blessing for ever.*

KV Which verse best sums up the message of the passage?

Oh, that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and keep all my commandments, that it might go well with am and their descendants for ever (29)