

**Series:** The Lovable Law

**Message:** Love Stipulations, Part 1

**Scripture:** Exodus 19:1-20:20; 24:3-8

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## 2 Common Misconceptions About God's Laws

- 1) That they were given to restrict our freedom
  - ceremonial law
  - judicial law
  - moral law
- 2) That they were given as guidelines by which man could earn the favor of God

### **Exodus 19:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> *In the third month after the sons of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day they came into the wilderness of Sinai.*

<sup>2</sup> *When they set out from Rephidim, they came to the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; and there Israel camped in front of the mountain.*

## 1. The Engagement. Ex.19:3-9

### **Exodus 19:3-9**

<sup>3</sup> *And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel:*

<sup>4</sup> *'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself.*

<sup>5</sup> *'Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine;*

<sup>6</sup> *and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'* These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel."

<sup>7</sup> *So Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which the Lord had commanded him.*

<sup>8</sup> *And all the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do!" And Moses brought back the words of the people to the Lord.*

<sup>9</sup> *And the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I shall come to you in a thick cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe in you forever." Then Moses told the words of the people to the Lord.*

## 2. The Preparation For The Wedding. Ex. 19:10-11

### **Exodus 19:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> *The Lord also said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments;*

<sup>11</sup> *and let them be ready for the third day, for on the third day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.*

## 3. The Stipulations For Marriage Ex. 20:1-17

### **Exodus 20:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> *Then God spoke all these words, saying,*

<sup>2</sup> *"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.*

#### 1) Stipulations Relating To Loving God

(1) Our love for God must be singular. Ex. 20:3

### **Exodus 20:3**

<sup>3</sup> *"You shall have no other gods before Me.*

(2) Our love for God must be spiritual. Ex 20:4-6

### **Exodus 20:4-6**

<sup>4</sup> *"You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.*

<sup>5</sup> *"You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,*

<sup>6</sup> *but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.*

(3) Our love for God must be sincere. Ex. 20:7

### **Exodus 20:7**

<sup>7</sup> *"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.*

(4) Our love for God must be safe-guarded. Ex. 20:8-11

**Exodus 20:8-11**

<sup>8</sup>"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

<sup>9</sup>" Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

<sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you.

<sup>11</sup>" For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

2) Stipulations Relating To Loving Others

(5) Our love for others must respect parental authority. Ex. 20:12

**Exodus 20:12**

<sup>12</sup>" Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

(6) Our love for others must respect human life. Ex. 20:13

**Exodus 20:13**

<sup>13</sup>" You shall not murder.

(7) Our love for others must respect marriage covenants. Ex. 20:14

**Exodus 20:14**

<sup>14</sup>" You shall not commit adultery.

(8) Our love for others must respect personal rights. Ex. 20:15

**Exodus 20:15**

<sup>15</sup>" You shall not steal.

(9) Our love for others must respect the value of truth. Ex. 20:16

**Exodus 20:16**

<sup>16</sup>" You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

(10) Our love for others must respect personal possessions. Ex. 20:17

**Exodus 20:17**

<sup>17</sup>" You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

**4. The Ceremony Ex. 24:3-8****Exodus 24:3-8**

<sup>3</sup> Then Moses came and recounted to the people all the words of the Lord and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, " All the words which the Lord has spoken we will do!"

<sup>4</sup> And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. Then he arose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain with twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> And he sent young men of the sons of Israel, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as peace offerings to the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and the other half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

<sup>7</sup> Then he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, " All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!"

<sup>8</sup> So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."