

## The Old Testament – Questions to Consider

Week 9: Exodus 29-40 ~ Leviticus 1-3

### Small Group Warm Up Question:

If you could have one prayer answered in the future, what might it be?

1. How would you summarize the purpose of the Tabernacle (Exodus 25-40)? What was something new you learned as you read about the Tabernacle and Ark?
2. What do you think it would have been like to be an Israelite outside of the Tabernacle fencing? What do you think it would have been like to be a Levite or priest serving in the Tabernacle?
3. What was the purpose of the pillar of cloud and fire in the Exodus? (Exodus 25:8, 22; 29:43; 40:34-38; Numbers 9:15-17) What do you think it would have been like to be protected, led by, and illuminated by the presence of God and His angel? In what ways does the Holy Spirit work similarly in us today? How should that transform our day to day living?
4. The gate of the court could only be entered in by the Levites and priests (Exodus 27:10-16; 38:14-19). In a similar way, Jesus is described as the “door” or “gate” in John 10:9. What are the purposes of a door/gate? Read Revelation 3:20. What does that mean?
5. Several times, the reference to not following the prescribed steps to enter into the Holy Place or Most Holy Place comes with the warning “lest he die.” The bronze wash basin is described (Exodus 30:17-21; 40:7,30-32) as a place for Moses and his sons to wash their hands and feet. Hebrews 10:22 describes Christians as having their “bodies washed with pure water.” How does salvation wash us? How does baptism publicly proclaim and witness this?
6. The Bronze Altar (Exodus 27:1-8; 40:6,10,29) was where the many sacrifices were offered. Skim over Hebrews 9:11-14. What stands out to you from this passage?
7. The Tent of Meeting contained both the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place (Exodus 25-26:37). Ephesians 2:18-22 describes Christians as being brought near together to God and becoming a “holy temple in the Lord...a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.” How does that knowledge, that the church together is the dwelling place for God, sober your perspective on the significance of church gatherings? Does 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 convict/challenge you?

More questions @ [www.southfork.church/discussion-guide](http://www.southfork.church/discussion-guide)

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**The Lord’s Supper** (Mark 14:22-24; Matt 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

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### **This Next Week's Old Testament Reading Plan:**

Week 10: Leviticus 4-18

- **Read the Old Testament w/Us:** [www.southfork.church/2024](http://www.southfork.church/2024)
- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** [www.southfork.church/jesus](http://www.southfork.church/jesus)
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Exodus 24:3 “Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people **answered with one voice** and said, ‘All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.’”

Exodus 24:7-11 “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.**” [8] And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold **the blood of the covenant** that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

[9] Then **Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders** of Israel went up, [10] and **they saw the God of Israel**. There was under **his feet** as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. [11] And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. (ESV)

Exodus 34:28 “So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets **the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.**”

**Joshua, the Servant-Leader (Joshua 24:14-18)**

[14] “Now therefore **fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness**. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. [15] And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. **But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**”

[16] Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, [17] for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those **great signs in our sight and preserved us** in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. [18] And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. **Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.**” (ESV)

**Jehoiada, the Priest (2 Kings 11:17)**

2 Kings 11:17 “And Jehoiada made a covenant **between the LORD and the king and people**, that they should **be the LORD’s people**, and **also between the king and the people.**”

**Josiah the King (2 Kings 23:1-3)**

2 Kings 23:1-3 “Then the king sent, and all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem were gathered to him. [2] And the king went up to the house of the LORD, and with him all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the priests and the prophets, all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of **the Book of the Covenant that had been found** in the house of the LORD. [3] And the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, **to walk after the LORD and to keep his commandments**

**and his testimonies and his statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people joined in the covenant.”** (ESV)

#### **Asa, the King (2 Chronicles 15:12)**

2 Chronicles 15:12 “And they entered into a covenant **to seek the LORD, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul**”

#### **Ezra, the Priest (Ezra 10:2-5)**

Ezra 10:2–5 “And Shecaniah the son of Jehiel, of the sons of Elam, addressed Ezra: **‘We have broken faith** with our God and have married foreign women from the peoples of the land, but even now there is hope for Israel in spite of this. [3] Therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all these wives and their children, according to the counsel of my lord and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God, and let it be done according to the Law. [4] Arise, for it is your task, and we are with you; be strong and do it.” [5] Then Ezra arose and made the leading priests and Levites and all Israel take an oath that they would do as had been said. So they took the oath.

#### **Nehemiah, the Governor (Nehemiah 9:38, 10:28-29).**

Nehemiah 9:38 “Because of all this we make a firm covenant **in writing**; on the sealed document are the **names** of our princes, our Levites, and our priests. (ESV)

Nehemiah 10:28–29 “The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and all who have **separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God**, their wives, their sons, their daughters, all who have knowledge and understanding, [29] join with their brothers, their nobles, and enter into a curse and an oath to walk in God’s Law that was given by Moses the servant

of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord and his rules and his statutes.”

#### **Baptism (1 Peter 3:21, 1 Timothy 6:12)**

1 Peter 3:21 “**Baptism**, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as **an appeal to God** for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ”

1 Timothy 6:12 “Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the **good confession in the presence of many witnesses.**”

#### **The Lord’s Supper (Mark 14:22-24; Matt 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26)**

Mark 14:22–25 And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “**Take; this is my body.**” [23] And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. [24] And he said to them, “**This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.** [25] Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” (ESV)

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**Church membership (Matthew 18:15-17, 2 Corinthians 3:6, Ephesians 5:23, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11).**

Matthew 18:16–17 “But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. [17] If he refuses to listen to them, **tell it to the church**. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.”

1 Corinthians 3:6 "I planted, Apollos watered, but **God gave the growth**.”

Ephesians 5:23 “For the husband is the head of the wife even as **Christ is the head of the church, his body**, and is himself its Savior.”

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