

## LESSON II - A MOUNTAIN SHADOWS PROMISE ROAD

### Exodus 15 - 32

**THEME:** *To show why God gave the Law and to whom it was given.*

Have you seen a mountain? From far away it looked like only a tiny hill, but then as you came closer it became so large you could not go over it. Today as we follow Israel down PROMISE ROAD we come to Mount Sinai. You will hear how it became a fearful mountain, how it smoked and trembled, and how God spoke from this mountain to Moses. It was a long time before Israel passed the shadow of this mountain.

The Israelites are now on the way down PROMISE ROAD to the PROMISED LAND. God will test His people to see if they are ready to receive and govern the land He promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He also wanted to prove to Israel that they needed Him all along the way.

After Israel passed through the Red Sea, they came into the wilderness of Shur. Here the tests began to come upon them:

1. First test: the bitter water at Marah. Exodus 15:22-25. The people failed when they murmured, but God was faithful. The tree pictures Christ who makes the bitter become sweet. Christ died on the tree to take the bitterness of sin upon Himself.
2. Second test: hunger. Exodus 16:3-21. The people failed again but God again proved to be faithful and sent the manna. The manna is a type of Christ, The Bread of Life. John 6.
3. Third test: thirst at Rephidim. Exodus 17:1-7. The people failed but God provided water from the Rock. The Rock is Christ and the Water the Holy Spirit. John 4:14. The Holy Spirit was given through the smiting of Christ in death.

Israel then arrived at Mount Sinai and camped before the mountain. The time had come for the greatest test of all. Exodus 20:20. God will test Israel's love and faith by their obedience to the Law that He will give them. Exodus 19:5-6. Moses went up into the mountain and God spoke to him. Exodus 19. Everyone feared God's holiness when they heard the content of the Law in Exodus 20:18-20. The Law was added to the Promises. We see the travel laws Israel had to remember were greatly increased. Galatians 3:19-25.

What do you suppose the people were doing while Moses was up on the

mountain? They broke the very first travel law that was given. Exodus 32 tells about the golden calf, the anger of Jehovah-God, the intercession of Moses, the breaking of the stone tablets of the Commandments, and that 3000 Israelites were judged.

Did Israel pass the test? No, not even the first day after the Law was given. And that was not the end of the test. God gave them many, many years under the Law but they broke all the commandments over and over. God added the Law to the Promises because of Israel's sinfulness. The Law was added until the promised Seed should come, but they ended up crucifying the promised One when He came. Now we will see why the Law was given and what it proved.

The Law was added to the Promise because of transgressions /sins. Galatians 3:19. Israel sinned over and over again but did not pay attention to the sinfulness of sin.

The Law proved that the Israelites were sinful, just like the Gentiles, and had no reason for boasting. Romans 3:19-20.

The Law proved that the perfect holiness of God demanded perfect righteousness. Exodus 20:3-6. Therefore Israel's only hope lay in the righteousness of the Promised One, Jesus Christ. Galatians 3:24.

To whom was the Law given? To Israel. The Law was nailed to the Cross of Calvary. Was the Law given to us who are living over at GRACE AIRPORT? No, but we can learn from the Law the same things that Israel learned. We are weak and sinful in ourselves. God demands perfect righteousness. We can only get that righteousness by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour. Attempting to keep the holy Law never saved anyone, but trusting in the finished work of Christ upon the Cross will save anyone who comes to Him.

MEMORY VERSE: "What then was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was put into effect through angels by a mediator." Galatians 3:19.

## LESSON II - WORK SHEET

As the Israelites journeyed from Egypt to the land of Canaan, God tested them and proved them to see if they would walk in His way and if they were ready to go in and govern the Promised Land. From the Scriptures below fill in the blanks to show what the tests were and how God provided for their needs.

1. Exodus 15:22-25. At Marah the waters were \_\_\_\_\_, God told Moses to throw a \_\_\_\_\_ into the waters and they became \_\_\_\_\_
2. Exodus 16:3-5. In the wilderness of Sin /Shur the people thought they would die of \_\_\_\_\_, but God said He would rain \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Exodus 17:1-6. At Rephidim they became \_\_\_\_\_ because there was no \_\_\_\_\_, but God told Moses to smite the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ would come out.
4. There is only one person who can satisfy our spiritual hunger and our spiritual thirst. Look up the verses below and write the name of this One in the blanks.  
John 6:35 \_\_\_\_\_ John 4:14 \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where was Israel when God gave them the greatest test of all?  
Exodus 19:1-2 \_\_\_\_\_

The Bible references below tell why the Law was given. Look them up and fill in the spaces.

6. Galatians 3:19. The Law was added because of \_\_\_\_\_
7. Romans 3:19. The Law was given that every \_\_\_\_\_
8. Romans 3:19. The Law was given that all the world might become \_\_\_\_\_
9. Draw a picture showing what Israel worshiped in breaking the first commandment of the Law. Exodus 32:4.
10. Write from memory Galatians 3:19. \_\_\_\_\_  
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