

**Scriptures:** Exodus 19; 20:18-26

LD 34.92#3

**Singing:** 242:1-4 – 428:1-2 – 139:1-4 – 82:1-3

## **The Giving of God's Law**

I. The setting of the giving II. The manner of the giving

### **I. What is the setting in which God brought the Ten?**

#### **A. It was a *gracious setting***

1. The TEN are framed in context of grace
  - a. Ex. 1-19 recounts the LORD's gracious dealings (LD 32:86a)
  
  - b. All NT exhortations to obedience are set in 'context grace'
    - Eph. 2:1-3, 11; 1 Peter 2:9
  
2. It is crucial to grasp that the TEN are in the 'grace-setting'
  - a. the TEN are **not** the way **to** life for sinners (Romans 10)
  
  - b. the TEN are the way **of** life for saints (Romans 12:1ff)

#### **B. It was a *covenantal setting***

1. All God's doings with Israel were *covenantal*: Ex. 2:24-25, Deut. 7:8
  
2. Yet all God's covenant dealings are unique, rich, and comforting
  - a. **it is unequal**: *holy God in covenant with unholy people*
  
  - b. **it is one-sided**: not only in the *establishing* but also in *execution*
  
  - c. **it is grace-based** instead of *works-based*

### **II The manner of God's giving of the TEN**

A. It was a solemn & terrifying setting: Deut. 4:32-36 - 5:4 - Ps. 68:17 - Heb 12:22

B. Why this manner? Why make Himself feel so unapproachable & fearful?

1. because God is still dealing with saints who are not sinless

2. because God addresses saints who live in dangerous & tempting world

3. because all believers need a lively felt need for Jesus our Mediator

Application: You (sinner or saints) and the Law of God

A. God demands we love Him and our neighbors (Matt. 22:37-40)

B. God does not preach the 'law' to us to make us work hard to save ourselves

1. His purpose of pricking your conscience is like doctor giving a shot

2. His purpose is to make you look to Christ: Hebrews 12:22-24

C. God does not want His children to loose sense of His holiness (vs. 28)

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### **Gems of Solid Truth**

We must rejoice in God but still with a holy trembling. (M. Henry)

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Reverence is a key ingredient of true worship. It cannot but be felt by everyone who has right views of the divine greatness and holiness, and of his/her own character in the sight of God's greatness. (C. Simmons)

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I fear God yet I am not afraid of Him. (T. Browne)