

God Is Not Like You

Exodus 19:1-20:7

1. **THINK:** What difference does it make that God Himself brought Israel to Himself? How should you respond to God who delivers not just from something, but to something, that being Himself? **DO:** You should order your life accordingly in response. Pick one or two things this week that you need to change that is not in proper worship response to the fact that He has brought you to Himself.
2. **THINK:** God reminded His people what he *did to the Egyptians* and also what He *did for the Israelites*. Why are both concurrently important? **DO:** How will you actively remember what He has done to the enemies of God and also what He promises to do to them? What is your worst situation going on right now? Counter your grumbling with worship according to what He has done for you – even promises of what to believe in that situation.
3. **THINK:** For Israel to have agreed to the covenantal relationship, they were required to leave Egypt first. What have you left and forsaken for the greater purpose of knowing God? Have you really left anything? Might you consider that if you haven't, that you haven't actually come to Christ at all? **DO:** Make a list of what you still need to leave and forsake for the greater portion of knowing Christ. What is He putting His finger on in your life that still stands in contempt of your relationship with God? What will you do this week that eliminates that/those from your life? How will you, this week, show the Lord that you prize Him above all else?
4. **THINK:** Why does Israel being God's treasured possession not make sense to you? How does that confuse you, knowing Israel's grumbling behavior? **DO:** Survey your life. How have you not acted like God's treasured possession? Cement that in your mind. What does a treasured people act like? Make a list of how in response, you will treasure God more fully this week in response to His treasuring His people.
5. **THINK:** What informs your view of right and wrong? How do you know what you think is right or wrong? Where do your standards lie? What breathes life into your convictions? **DO:** Write and think through the ramifications of the following:
 - a. My culture informs my view of right and wrong. What culture does, I do.
 - b. My pastor tells me what is right and wrong. If he believes it, I do.
 - c. My President determines truth for me.
 - d. The loudest social voice determines truth, even if that changes monthly.
 - e. I determine truth for myself. My preference and desires rule what I believe.
 - f. My feelings and attractions are what are true. My standard is me.
 - g. What God says informs my convictions and beliefs.

Are you ready to promote truth as God has declared it? How should you be preparing yourself to combat the above ideologies that affront God's truth? Do you want to be prepared?

6. **THINK:** Does the thought of God's holiness being dangerous intimidate you? Are you bothered that it does not intimidate you enough? **DO:** Spend time, in light of this truth, listing out from God's Word, what encourages you alongside the weightiness of His holiness? What do you need to do to access God's remedy for approaching Him and making active how He has made provision for you in light of His holiness? Do you know His Provision?

7. **THINK:** What would you think of a God who did not reveal Himself – either in word or in person? What impact should it have on you that the One True God has done both? **DO:** Live out gratefulness this week for how God has revealed Himself. It requires action on your part – your life should live in response, so write down what that looks like in your life. How should you be exhibiting gratefulness for the God who invites you to personally know Him?

8. **THINK:** Does God need you to help Him determine truth? Is that your role? **DO:** Consider how your own desires inform what you think truth is. How do others in your life do that? Consider how your life is a right or wrong response to God's truth. List out areas where you know your life stands in opposition to God's truth or stands in agreement with it.