

The Basics Of Being God's People

Exodus 23: 20-24:18

1. **THINK:** What is the difference between a promise and a covenant? We see God acting with His people in a covenant relationship, so how do the promises get involved in that? **DO:** Take some time this week to study and get familiar with the Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic and New Covenant. Write down some similarities? How does each build on the other?
2. **THINK:** Because a covenant is two-fold and there are obligations and responsibilities to both parties, what are the obligations of the people of God presented in the text? **DO:** Take some time and dive into what God is committing to in this passage and what He requires that His people commit to. Inventory your life as to how you are living up to those obligations?
3. **THINK:** Instead of a physical angel before us who we are called to follow, what is our current arrangement with God in terms of how He leads us and what we are to pay attention to? **DO:** Take a look at your current life schedule? Does it reflect a 'pay careful attention' and 'obey' tone to it? Does your schedule reflect a heart attitude of listening and following? You have the Word of God in your hands. Do you treat it as such?
4. **THINK:** When God wants to move and drive the enemy out of the land (or our hearts), what is the responsibility of the people of God? What did the Israelites have to be about and pay attention to, in order for God to drive out the enemy? **DO:** Think on your own life. What is preventing God from driving out the enemies in your own life? Are you fulfilling your responsibilities in agreeing with God that they need driven out? Do you want to utterly overthrow them or might you want to co-habit with them for a little while longer?
5. **THINK:** How does the section on the physical and the spiritual help you make sense of the physical things in your life? Since we obey physically, and what we do in the physical has spiritual implications, how does that enhance your view of possessions, money, home and even your physical body (which we know has been purchased with a price and is not our own)? **DO:** Isolate a couple areas of your life where you know that what is physical is not being utilized for the glory of God. What has God given you physically that you need to change your stewardship practices?
6. **THINK:** Remember that the purpose of the covenants, the purpose of the sacrifices, the purpose of the blessings and even the purpose of this physical life is to draw attention and get the eyes of God's people focused on Jesus. Do you see it that way? **DO:** What are your eyes focused on right now? Do you experience blessing, but miss the Savior? Do you enjoy the physical things in life, but never see them as having spiritual impact? Do you think the point of this life is you and not the Lord? Take some time to evaluate where you are spiritually and if your life is really focused on the right thing. Do you participate and celebrate the covenant that believers have with the Living God?