



THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Chapters 24

“WORSHIP & THE WORD!”

> SEVEN KEYS TO A SPIRITFILLED, FRUITFUL, VICTORIOUS, AND BLESSED CHRISTIAN LIFE:

> KEY #1 - (v1-2) COME UP TO THE LORD!

Jesus said in Matthew 11:28-30 - Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

> KEY #2 – (3-4) LEARN THE ENTIRE BIBLE! (“all the Words of the LORD”)

~ Observe the value of GOD’S WORD for our lives:

- God’s WORD produces GOD’S WILL- Isaiah 55:11- *So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*

- His WORD brings FREEDOM- John 8:31-32- *"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

- The WORD is our GUIDE- Psalm 119:105- *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

- The WORD is our DAILY SUSTENANCE- 1 Peter 2:2- *as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,*

- The WORD CONVICTS OUR LIFE- Hebrews 4:12- *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*

- The WORD is our WEAPON against the devil- Ephesians 6:17- *the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;*

- His WORD brings ANSWERS TO PRAYER- John 15:7- *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.*

- His WORD SANCTIFIES us- John 17:17-18- *Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*

- The WORD produces SALVATION- Acts 4:4- *However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.*

- His WORD produces God’s LOVE- 1 John 2:5- *But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him*

> **KEY #3 – (v5-6) WORSHIP GOD IN DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING!**

The “*burnt offerings*” represented dedication, whereas, the “*peace offerings*” were for thanksgiving.

~ *What is the meaning of a Burnt Offering?* This kind of offering was described as “that which goes up (to God).” It was termed “whole” (Lev 6:22) because the entire offering was to be burnt upon the altar.

It was termed “continual” (Ex 29:38-42) to teach the nation of Israel that their sinfulness required a complete and continual atonement and consecration.

This sacrifice, offered every morning and evening, pointed to Christ's atoning death for sinners (2 Cor 5:21) and His total consecration to God (Luke 2:49).

The burnt offering spoke of Christ's passive obedience and His submission to the penalty required by man's sinfulness. It also refers to His perfect obedience to God's law by which He did for us what we are unable to do for ourselves.

- **LET'S DEDICATE OURSELVES!** – Paul writes in Romans 12:1-2 - *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

~ *What is a Peace Offering?* – The purpose of this offering signifies a right relationship and friendship with God. Peace offerings were rendered as thanksgiving for divine help and blessing.

This sacrificial offering was also called a heave offering and a wave offering. This was a bloody offering presented to God. Part of the offering was eaten by the priest (representing God's acceptance) and part was eaten by the worshiper and his guests (non-officiating priests or Levites and the poor, Deut 12:18; 16:11). Thus, God hosted the meal, communing with the worshiper and other participants.

- This reminds us of Revelation 3:20 - *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.*

This sacrifice celebrated covering of sin, forgiveness by God, and the restoration of a right and meaningful relationship with God and with life itself (Judg 20:26; 21:4). Today believers enjoy peace with God through Jesus Christ, their eternal Peace Offering.

- Romans 5:1-3 - *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

- **LET'S GIVE THANKS ALWAYS!** – Paul proclaims in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

NKJVC^ollossians 3:15-17 - *And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

> **KEY #4 – (v7) BE A DOER OF THE WORD OF GOD!**

Moses told the people the words of the covenant, known as the “*Book of the Covenant*” of which he had written them down and declared it to the people.

Observe the response of the people, “*All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient.*”

James declares, “*Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. (James 1:21-25)

- ***JUST DO IT! – Colossians 3:1-17***

> **KEY #5 – (v8) RECEIVE THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT!**

The “*blood on the altar*” denoted the consecration of the sacrifice, which represented the people to God. In verse 8 we see that the blood is also sprinkled on the people and for the first time it is called “*the blood of the covenant.*”

One commentator writes, “the new or second covenant as described in the NT replaced the old and was sealed with the blood of Christ (Heb. 8:6—9:28). If the old covenant required the obedience of the people to the will of God, certainly no less is expected of him who enters into the new covenant (Heb. 12:18-29).”

> **KEY #6 - (v9-11) LEADERS ARE TEACHERS!**

(v9-11) This event is known as a Theophany in the Old Testament, an appearance of God, but not the fullness of HIS GLORY!

WHAT IS A THEOPHANY? Any direct, visual manifestation of the presence of God. The key word is visual, since God makes His presence and power known throughout the Bible in a variety of ways. But even in a theophany a person does not actually see God Himself. This is an impossibility, according to Ex 33:20; 1 Tim 6:16; and 1 John 4:12. What a person sees are the effects of God's unmediated presence.

Theophanies proper are limited to the Old Testament. They are most common in the books of Genesis and Exodus; but they also occur in the writings of the prophets, especially in connection with the calling of a prophet. The most frequent visible manifestation of God's presence in the Old Testament is the “*Angel of the Lord.*” Other theophanies are the burning bush (Ex 3:1-6), the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire (Ex 13:21-22), the cloud and fire of Sinai (Ex 24:16-18), and the cloud of the glory of the Lord (Ex 40:34-38).

The **SHEKINAH** glory that dwelt in the *Holy of Holies* in the tabernacle and the Temple may also be thought of as a specialized, permanent theophany. Theophanies are never given for their own sake, to satisfy a curiosity about God, **but to convey some revelation or truth about Him.**

In the New Testament Jesus as the physical expression of God is a kind of theophany (John 1:14,18; 14:9). But such is the uniqueness of His Incarnation that the word is not entirely appropriate. (from Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

- Observe John 1:18 - *No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.*

(v12) Moses is called to **TEACH** the people, we are disciples of Christ and we make disciples of Christ!

- Jesus said in Matthew 28:16-20 - *Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

- Paul by the HOLY SPIRIT gave the blueprint for the organization and purpose of the Christian church in Ephesians 4:11-16 - *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ — from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*

> **KEY #7 – (v13-18) COME TO THE GLORY AND GLORIFY GOD!**

- Observe the ***MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION*** – Luke 9:18-34

- Jesus fasted and prayed forty days and nights in the wilderness, then He used the Word of God to overcome the temptations of the devil (Matthew 4:1-11)

VICTORY IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE COMES THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD!