

A note from Kathy

In these chapters God reestablished his covenant with his people. God had not forgotten; the reality was that the Israelites as a whole seemed oblivious to the covenantal responses of faith and obedience demanded of them. The Israelites were God's chosen people, set apart as holy by God. They were not chosen because of any merit of their own. God had initiated it. God had determined the terms of this covenant and had confirmed it by himself because there was nothing higher. They were to be a people ruled by the LORD and serve as an example to the other nations bringing glory to God. These chapters are rich with application for us as believers.

Observation

1. The LORD extended an invitation for Moses _____, _____ and _____ along with _____ to worship him at a distance on Mt. Sinai. But only Moses was to come up higher to hear directly from God.
2. Moses told the people everything the LORD had spoken to him. What was the response of the people?
3. After writing down everything the LORD had said, what did Moses do next? Verses 4-8
4. Now we see the core leadership of Israel go up onto the mountain. What amazing thing were they allowed to see? What was the only description given?
5. Moses was called up higher to hear directly from God. What did God say he would give Moses? Verse 12
6. Who waited there in order to care for the people if a need arose, and who went up farther with Moses onto the mountain?
7. Did God appear to Moses right away? How long was it before he heard from the Lord?

8. How long did Moses stay with the Lord?
9. Up to this point, men and women had simply offered to God what they chose to offer, but now God was giving clear instructions. What were they to bring as offerings?
Verses 3-7
10. God gave Israel the instructions for building the tabernacle and its furnishings. Label the artistic renderings pictured below, and add any details you find in chapter 25.



Application

1. Moses was the mediator between God and Israel. What is a mediator? What was Moses to do as mediator?
2. As a child of God today, who is our mediator? 1 Timothy 2:1-5
3. As Moses read the Book of the Covenant to all the people, what do you suppose was going through their minds? How long had they been out of their Egyptian slavery?

4. Isn't it amazing how wonderful it is to finally be on the other side of a trial? Israel had experienced so much in a relatively short span of time. Their response was one of willing obedience to everything God commanded. Have you enjoyed this feeling of finally being out of bondage, and your only answer to God's commands was "Yes Lord!"
5. The children of Israel listened as Moses read the Book of the Covenant. They willingly agreed to it all. Then Moses sprinkled the blood of the sacrifice on the altar and on them, signifying that this blood was shed for each of them. How is this true for us today? Ephesians 1:7
6. What will you do today to say yes to God's commands? Spend some time thinking about this, praying, asking God to reveal an area that needs your willing obedience.
7. When it was finished being built, the tabernacle was God's sanctuary, literally the "holy place," the "dwelling place of God." It would be that place of restoration between God and man. The tabernacle was the very center of Israel's encampment. Do we need a tabernacle meeting place like this today? Read Matthew 18:20, Romans 6:9-10, and Hebrews 10:17-18.
8. I love the word "atonement"; it means to cover. The Israelites would bring an animal to atone for or cover their sin. How was Jesus' sacrifice different than the sacrifice of bulls and goats?
Hebrews 10:1-4 The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming-- not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. If it could, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins, because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
9. Did you notice that the description given, when the leaders of Israel saw God, was the ground under his feet? Exodus 24:9. Do you suppose the men were in awe and had their heads bowed?
10. If you are a child of God, in what way does the indwelling of the Holy Spirit affect your walk, your talk, your attitudes and emotions, your family and friends?