

Life-Study of Exodus Summaries – Messages 46-50

MESSAGE 51 – The Testimony of God Revealing Him to His People

The basic concept in Exodus 20 is that God **reveals** Himself to His people and thus enables them to **know** what kind of God He is. The Ten Commandments first speak of God's **image** and **likeness**. This indicates that the law does not merely consist of commandments for us to keep. Primarily, **the law is a testimony which reveals what kind of God the Lord is**. The first function of the law is not to expose us; it is to reveal God to us. God is **jealous**, God alone must be your God. He is **holy**, separate; as His people, we must have a sign of our separation from everything other than God Himself. He is **loving, righteous, truthful, and pure**. May we see that the law is a testimony which reveals God to us. (Life-Study of Exodus, 51).

MESSAGE 52 – The Law Being the Living Word of God Infusing His Substance into His Loving Seekers

The law is not only a **list** of divine commandments; it is the **living word** of God which infuses God's substance into those who lovingly seek Him. Out of love for the Lord, we should **pursue** Him, **contact** Him, and **abide** in His presence, **dwelling** together with Him. If we do this, day by day we shall be **infused** with God. Then **automatically** we shall walk according to God's law. If we love the Lord, seek Him with our whole heart, dwell with Him, and enjoy His riches, His substance will be infused into us. To keep the law **cannot** make anyone a true worshipper; a **true worshipper** is one who is **infused** with God and lives out God, who thereby becomes a person according to what God is and corresponding to what He is. (Life-Study of Exodus, 52).

MESSAGE 53 – God Seeking Lovers in Giving His Law to His People

the law is an **engagement** covenant, an engagement paper. When God gave the law, He **betrothed** Israel unto Himself, and Israel became engaged to Him. The first five commandments were given in an **intimate** way as terms of the engagement of God and His people. In giving His law to the people, He was seeking those who would **love** Him. The function of an engagement paper is to make the two parties, the man and the woman, one. In the same principle, the function of the Word of God is to make us one with God. The **highest function** of the law is to bring God's chosen people into oneness with Him. Praise the Lord. (Life-Study of Exodus, 53).

MESSAGE 54-55 – Keeping the Law of God by Loving Him and His Word and Becoming One with Him

In order for God to be one with us and for us to be one with Him, there must be love between us and God. For two persons to be one, they must love each other. This is also true of the relationship between God and His people. In giving His law to His people, God wanted them to become **one** with Him, to become His very **spouse**. In order for such an engagement to take place, an affectionate love like that between a man and his wife is absolutely necessary. When we enter into such a love relationship with the Lord, we receive His **life**. Whenever we tell the Lord that we love Him, He supplies us with His life. It is this life which enables us to become one with God and makes Him one with us. **We do not keep the law through the exercise of our mind and will. We keep it by loving the Lord as our Husband.** We all need such a sweet, intimate, affectionate love between us and the Lord. God's law can be kept only by those who love God and are one with Him in life, nature, and expression. (Life-Study of Exodus, 50).