

Scripture Reading

Exodus 24:1-11 (ESV)



Then he said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. ² Moses alone shall come near to the LORD, but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him.”

³ Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

Exodus
24:1-11



⁴ And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶ And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar.

Exodus
24:1-11



7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” 8 And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

Exodus
24:1-11



⁹ Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹ And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

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24:1-11

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Moving Forward in Covenant





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God's people do not form a casual community;
God's people form a covenant community



Hebrews 2:1

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

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- 3. Worship: From Self-wrought to Blood-bought**

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God ultimately raises up leaders for one primary reason: His glory. He shows His power in our weakness. He demonstrates His wisdom in our folly. We are all like a turtle on a fence post. If you walk by a fence post and see a turtle on top of it, then you know someone came by and put it there. In the same way, God gives leadership according to His good pleasure.”

Matt Chandler



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Exodus 24:9-10

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The covenant of God with us is the
super glue that binds all of our hearts in
fellowship with one another.



A top-down view of a wooden table set for a meal. Several people's hands are visible, reaching for food. The table is covered with various dishes: a large pizza topped with red raspberries, a bowl of green salad, a plate of radishes and celery, a plate of bread and vegetables, and a bowl of fruit. A central text box is overlaid on the image.

Sharing a meal
is God's way of
representing and
deepening intimate
fellowship.

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True worship

*is the treasuring of God's worth
above all things.*

Exodus 24:3

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Exodus 24:7

Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people.

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**It is not our worship of God
that ensures we are in covenant with Him;
it is our covenant with God
that ensures our true worship of Him.**



Exodus 24:8

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

Hebrews 9:18-20

¹⁸ ...not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood.
¹⁹ For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.”

Hebrews 9:26

...But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Mark 14:24

And he said to them,
“This is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many.

