

Parashah 62 (Sh'mot 24:1 – 18; Isa 60:17 – 61:9; Matthew 26:27-28)  
Covenant Meal In His Holy Presence

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- HaShem calls His People to Covenant with Him
- Today: Tim's intro, They Saw God's Feet, Entered an Agreement with conditions, What is this Key Element to drawing near or resisting God

- Tim's intro from Parashah 62 (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> ¶)
- v1 & v2: "come up to HaShem, you & Aaron, Nadav & Avihu & 70 elders"
  - God is selective, but the people hear this from Moses.
    - "You shall worship from a distance"
    - "Moses alone shall come near, but they shall not come near"
  - How do people react when they are not selected, or when selected?
- v3: Moses tells the people "all the Words of HaShem & all the Ordinances"
  - Ex 20:1 Then God spoke all These Words, saying,
  - Ex 21:1 These are the Ordinances which you are to set before them
  - "All the words which HaShem has spoken we will do!"

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Exodus 24:4-9

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- v4-6: Built altar with 12 pillars, offered sacrifices, blood in basin & ½ on altar
- v7: Reads the book of the covenant to the people
  - "All that HaShem has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!"
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> time this is stated: \* 19:8, 24:3, 24:7
    - "obedient" = Shema
- v8: Sprinkles blood on the people – Behold the blood of the covenant which HaShem has made with you IAW all these words"
  - Sprinkles blood as a formal confirmation of this covenant
  - "Behold the blood of the covenant" similar language as Yeshua
    - "this is My blood of the covenant" \* Matt 26:28
  - "IAW all these words" – This states that this covenant has demands
    - This is a conditional covenant!
- v9: Moses, Aaron, Nadav, Avihu & 70 elders go part-way up Sinai

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## Exodus 24:10-18

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- v10: “they saw the God of Israel; and under His feet...” – **ra ah** רָאָה
- v11: “and they saw God” – **chazah** חָזָה \* See Tim’s commentary
- v11: “He did not stretch out His hand against the nobles of the sons of Israel”
  - God shows mercy
- v12: “come up to Me... I will give you stone tablets with the Torah and the Commandment which I have written for their instruction”
- v13-16: Moses goes up and a cloud covered the mountain – the glory of HaShem dwelt on Mt Sinai – on 7<sup>th</sup> day Moses is called up from mist of cloud
- V17: “...the glory of HaShem was like a consuming fire on top...”
- V18: “...Moses was on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights”

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## The Ultimate Mountain Top Experience

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- A rare moment of UNITY and fellowship in HaShem’s presence
  - They participate in ceremony and sit together for a covenant meal
  - They see the presence of God in various forms: Cloud, Feet, Fire
  - 3 times Benay Yisrael submit to HaShem’s covenant conditions
- The Creator and the creation commune together
- Moses and all of Israel (includes the mixed multitude) seemed closer to God
  - KNOWLEDGE acquired CAN draw one closer to God
  - EPIPHANIES received CAN draw one closer to God
  - Life’s EXPERIENCES CAN draw one closer to God
  - Witnessing MIRACLES CAN draw one closer to God
  - FELLOWSHIP CAN draw one closer to God
- How long did this “Mountain Top” experience last for Israel?
- Even HaShem refrains: “He did not stretch out His hand against...”
  - First He Redeemed Israel, then He gave them Instructions for Holiness

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## What is the KEY Element to this pivotal “CAN” in drawing us closer?

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## OUR only option is to Strive for Holiness with all our Being

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- But today’s cultural religion focuses on love and acceptance at the expense of God’s Holiness
  - “God loves everyone” is today’s ‘Get Out of Jail Card’ theology
- Does God love everyone? \* Prov 16:5, Psa 5:5, 11:5, Prov 6:16-19
  - Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to HaShem Prov 16:5
  - The one who loves violence His soul hates Psa 11:5
  - You hate all who do iniquity Psa 5:5
- Are we prepared to be in His Holy Presence – be Holy for I am Holy

but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; <sup>16</sup> because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”

1Pet. 1:15

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