

God is the Lord When You Are Not
Exodus 19—24 March 15, 2020

Introduction

1. S: Thanks to you and our team and our deacons, announce by Friday, please observe CDC recommendations, President's National Day of Prayer (Psalms 91).
2. Q: Why am I preaching this message? A: (1) Crises that appear in Bible were always met with God's call to return to Him; (2) Subject dominates the biblical text (Prov 3:5—6); (3) I want them to enjoy Christ's Lordship and consequently embrace it.
3. Q: What is Lordship? A: A: Lordship means the subjects of God's Lordship do what He wants done, how He wants it done, when He wants it done, where He wants it done, and why He wants it done.
4. Illus: Chaotic life, order.
5. CBT: When God revealed the Law to Moses, He unveiled the attractive character of His Lordship.
6. Thesis: Genuine joy is found only in the Lordship of Almighty God.
7. PQ: Why joyful?

I. The Foundation of Lordship—Grace (God's Lordship rests upon a Gracious Foundation).

1. Exodus 19:1—4; 20:1—2
2. Q: What is grace? A: GRACE=God's Riches at Christ's Expense
3. Romans 8:3—4
4. Illus: Students, tests, papers, "grace!" Grace is not a teacher "going easy" on grading student assignments. Grace is a teacher assigning papers and tests, accepting nothing less than 100%, writing the papers and taking the tests for the student, and giving the student 100% grades as if the student did the work. God does not let us to the work and then go easy on judging us. God gives us the Law, expects 100% perfection, satisfies the Law Himself, and gives us the benefits as if we did it perfectly ourselves.
5. Illus: He paid a debt He did not owe/I owed a debt I could not pay.
6. God always provides/invites us to grace before He invites to obedience.

II. The Future of Lordship—Great (God's Lordship looks to a Great Future).

1. B: Hebrews an enslaved people; no thinking, no status, etc.
2. Exodus 19:5—6: Special treasure, Kingdom of Priests, Holy Nation

3. Illus: Greatest victory in our lives is Christ's victory over our lives. (Malcolm McDow).
4. When you surrender to God's lordship, you become precious and useful to God.
5. Few are in danger of dreaming too big for God. Most are in danger of dreaming too small.

III. The Faultlessness of Lordship—Gripping (God's Lordship Counts on a Gripping Faultlessness).

1. Q: How well did you obey your parents? Would it have been easier to obey your parents if they were perfect?
2. Exodus 19:7—25: Clothes (10—15), Distance (12—25), Storm (14—19).
3. God is holy in all His ways, thoughts, commands, intentions, and knowledge. There is nothing malignant, misguided, or mistaken in Him. You can trust a God like that, who never makes a mistake, never fails to keep His word, and never has an impure motive.

IV. The Fulness of Lordship—Gigantic (God's Lordship Seeks After a Gigantic Fulness).

1. S: Need to know that if you embrace His Lordship, it will cost you everything.
2. Exodus 21:22—25; 28, 22:28, 31; 23:10
3. Some might recoil at some of these laws and complain that God is meddling. Let's make clear—when it comes to life, law, and Lordship, the Lord has left nothing unplanned, nothing untouched, nothing unclaimed. He claims Lordship over all things.
4. Illus: Is He your Lord? Is He Lord of your body, your thoughts, your tongue, your temper, your spare time, your life plans, your pocketbook, your church life, your recreation, what you listen to by radio and look at on television? His Lordship covers everything. The Vance Havner Notebook.

Conclusion

1. Illus: San Diego teen, I figured Jesus would not do any worse than I had done.
2. Romans 10:9—10, 13
3. Illus: Vance Havner invitations on Wednesdays. "Jesus Christ is my Lord."
4. Test "Yes" to 706-461-8867