

## **GSM**

### **The Journey of Grace**

I. A Journey of grace- **There is not one instance of God's judgment in their journey to Mt. Sinai, but after the giving of the Law it breaks out!**

A. Ex. 12- God is ready to take his people out of Egypt. Before the trip he tells each family to kill and eat a lamb and place its blood upon the doorposts of the house. This represented the blood of the cross and believing in the lamb- tasting the heavenly gift.

B. It was selected on the 10th day of the first month- 10 speaks of trial. It was examined for four days before it was sacrificed. Jesus appeared to His people as their Messiah on a colt four days before he was sacrificed. The people of God examined him and rejected him and crucified him.

C. The lamb was to be sacrificed between noon and six. The pascal lamb in Jesus day was killed at 3:00pm. This is when Jesus died on the cross.

D. It is taken from the sheep or the goats. Jesus was the perfect lamb and the cursed goat in our place. Both speak of Jesus work on the cross.

E. It was to be roasted with fire. This speaks of the judgment and wrath of God upon the Lamb of God for us.

F. On the Sabbath day there is no work. This speaks of our works are not permitted in the redemption of God. We are not made right with God by our works but faith in the lamb of God. He is the basis for the blessing of God on our life.

G. The Sabbath kicked of seven days of unleavened bread. This represents that God removed our sins

because of Jesus. We are free from our sins. leaven represents sin.

H. Ex. 13:20- The Israelites start their journey. They first encamp at Succoth, which means booths. This is why the Israelites celebrate the feast of tabernacles or Succoth.

I. Next they went to Etham, which meant my strength and sign. Here is where the pillar of cloud and fire started leading the children of Israel. This is a type of the Holy Spirit. We are delivered from death by Jesus' sacrifice but we are led into freedom by the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God is our strength and sign God is with us so we should not fear. The Spirit will not be taken away from us.

J. Ex. 14- God leads his people into a tight spot. Have you ever found yourself in a tight spot and you were following God. God does not test us with sin, but he will test our faith!

K. Pharoah pursues Israel and they fail the test. They start murmuring against Moses. Moses fails the test to, he complains to God. God does not judge them for this. He provides deliverance anyway.

L. Ex. 15- The whole camp sings and dances about how great God is and how he delivers.

M. vs. 22- The move on for three days and come to Marah and there is bitter water. Again God leads them to a place where their faith is tested. They fail. They fall apart like a two dollar suitcase! The people who just sang God's greatness a few days ago are now complaining and murmuring.

N. God does not judge them but by his grace he provides deliverance. God shows Moses a tree and he cast it into the waters and they were made sweet. This represents the cross that makes the bitter sweet in our lives.

O. vs. 26- We are seeing glimpses of the law at this point. God says if they fully obeyed all His precepts that they would be protected from sickness.

P. vs. 27- They come to twelve wells and 12 palm trees. Elim means strong trees. This is a picture of God's grace and provision. The well speaks of life and refreshing. The palm tree speaks of a believer. A palm tree gets its sustenance from the inside not its bark.

Q. Ex. 16- They camp in the wilderness of Sin between Elim and Mt. Sinai. We have a choice which two we will dwell in Elim or Mt. Sinai- Grace or Law. Which one we choose will determine if we will see victory over sin or not. Romans 6:14 or 1 Cor. 15:56

R. Israel chooses not to trust in God's provision and grace and they start murmuring again. Complaining and murmuring are products of the flesh. This is to put pressure on others to get your way. The flesh and the legalism are connected. Legalism is a way to try to influence God to do what you want.

S. God does not judge them for this but once again provides manna from heaven! vs. 4 he would tell them how much to gather to see if they obeyed him or not. He provides quail for them also.

T. The people do not obey God. Some leave some overnight and others go out on the Sabbath to collect. The people failed to obey God, but they were not judged because the Law was not formally offered to them to accept or reject. God wanted to show the people they could not keep his law.

U. Ex. 17- Now there is now no water and the people fail the test again! They murmur and complain. God does not judge them but provides for them. He causes water to gush out of the rock when Moses strikes it. This rock

represents Jesus who was struck for us and provides us life and provision by His death.

V. During the entire trip from Egypt to Mt. Sinai the people of God complained, murmured, were disobedient, and were rebellious. However, not one time did God judge them for their sins. This is in stark contrast to how God will treat them after Mt. Sinai!

W. At Mt. Sinai God gives the Law and immediately God breaks out in judgment against their sin and 3000 men died at the mountain. The feast of Pentecost was instituted by God to remember the giving of the Law. On the day of Pentecost in the NT the spirit was given and the age of grace came and 3000 men got saved that day. The law brings judgment and wrath, grace brings life and blessings!