

Freed to Serve God
Exodus 18-20

I. Serving God Together – Ex. 18

1. Moses' family joins him – 18:1-5
Come to him in the wilderness
They are source of strength & support for him
2. Jethro rejoices in God's blessing – 6-12
He is Moses' father-in-law
3. Counsels him, share the burden – 13-23
Select other men to share the work with you
4. Elders share leadership burden - 24-27
They are to help in judging the people
We can be overwhelmed trying to do it alone

II. Called to Be God's People - 19

1. Redeemed by God - 1-4
God delivered them from bondage in Egypt
2. Set apart unto God, His own people - 5
3. Set apart to serve as God's Priests - 6
Minister for God before nations of this world
Note 1 Peter 2:9 and Revelation 1:6; 5:10
4. God's people accept His challenge – 7-8
They promise obedience to God
Without realizing their inability to fully obey
5. God's people must be clean - 9-11
God sets His people apart as being pure
6. God's people must reverence Him - 12-13
Must keep their distance from the Holy God
7. God descends on Mount Sinai - 14-20
Awesome display of God's presence
Fire, smoke, earthquake
And a trumpet-like voice
8. God calls Moses to meet with Him - 20-25
Moses must go down to warn the people
Must not come near God's mount

III. Commands to Be Obeyed - 20:1-17

Relationship with God - 1-11

1. Recognize One God and Him only - 1-3
2. Worship God alone; not an image of Him - 4-6
3. Honor and revere His name - 7
4. Set aside Sabbath to honor God's work - 8-11
It is to be a day of rest for God's creation

Reflect God's Character - 12-17

1. By honoring parental authority - 8
2. By respecting human life as God-given - 9
3. By recognizing the sanctity of marriage - 10
4. By respecting personal property of others - 11
5. By regarding the reputation of others - 16
6. By restraining your desires for things - 17

Respond to God properly - 18-26

1. Stand in awe before Him - 18-20
A healthy fear can keep us from sin

2. God only is worthy of worship - 21-23
Allow nothing else to have this preeminent place
3. Be careful how you worship Him - 24-26
Worship is to focus on Him only
Not on means you might use in worship
Watch out for things that may distract worship