

Sermon Reflections

Blood Bonds • Exodus 24:1-18

Summary: Five Steps To Enjoy Fellowship With God

He wants fellowship with us and has granted access to Himself!

Do you have fellowship with God? Are you cultivating your fellowship with God?

1. Respond to His Invitation (vv. 1,2)

- On what basis is God's invitation made? What were they invited to do? Was it open to everyone? If not, why? Discuss the differences between this invitation and the invitation that is extended to us. (24:1,2 vs Heb 10:19-21) How can we take fuller advantage of this?

2. Regard Highly His Word (v. 3a)

- The first thing Moses did was to relate all the words God had spoken and then wrote them down. Why write it down (vs 4)? Then Moses read it to them again (v 7). Why was God's word so important for them? Is it any different for us today? If we want to hear from God, what do we do? What does 2 Tim 3:16 have to say about this?

3. Resolve to Obey (vv. 3b, 7)

- When the people first saw God's presence and later heard the word of God, they committed themselves to obey (19:8: 24:3,7)? Knowing what follows, was this the right response? Why or why not? (see Deut 5:28) Are we called to a similar confession? (Mark 8:34,35) What would be a right response for us?

4. Rely upon His sacrifice (vv. 4-8)

- Was their covenant with God resting upon their obedience? What else was necessary? Read Lev 1:3-5 and discuss the various aspects and significance of the of the burnt sacrifice that the young men offered in Ex. 24. What did Moses do with the blood and what did that say? Compare this with the blood of the new covenant that Jesus established? (Heb 10:14)
- What is the purpose of "atonement"?

5. Rejoice in His fellowship (vv 9-11)

- What did they see when they "went up"? Why does it record they saw the pavement? Why did God not lay His hand on those that came up? What is the meaning of eating and drinking in this moment? What does this mean to us today, as believers?