

A HOLY NATION

Exodus 19:4-6

Key Verses 19:6a

“... you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

1. Read verse 4. What is the setting of this chapter (19:1-3)? What did God mean when he said, “What I did to Egypt,” and “I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself” (cf. Ex 12:12-14, 14:13-14; Deut 32:11-12)? In what respect was God’s grace the basis of his covenant with Israel and us? (cf. 2Co 5:7)
2. Read verse 5a. What is a covenant between God and His people (Hos 2:19-20)? What promises and requirements consist of the covenant between God and Israel? What does it mean “obey me fully and keep my covenant”? (cf. Deut 6:5, 32:47; Mt 22:37-38, Jn 14:15)
3. Read verses 5b-6 and 1Pe 2:9. What does it mean to be to be “God’s treasured possession” (Deut 7:6, 32:10; Jn 1:12)? How does this new status give us confidence in life and mutual respect among believers (1Th 5:18; Mt 6:33; Jn 13:34)?
4. What does it mean to be “a kingdom of priests”? What are the duties and blessings of a priest? (cf. Lev chapter 9, 10:11; 1Pe 2:9b; Westminster Catechism #1) Think about God’s heart and vision to carry out world missions through His people.
5. What does it mean to be “a holy nation” (cf. Lev 11:44; 1Pe 1:16)? Think about God’s hope for His people (Eph 1:12; Mt 5:14). Why is it important that we find and keep our identity in God’s covenant?