Intro:

<u>Main Point of Text:</u> Now that the LORD has Israel standing in silent attention, He prepares them to receive His Law not only in the context of holy fear and proper duty, but love, freedom, and relationship.

Sermon Point: Love saves and love obeys.

Move 1: Jesus rescued you from the house of sinful slavery.

Vs. 2: "brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage": constant refrain of God's loving deliverance of His children. Reminds them of who they were, and thus to whom they were enslaved, so they embrace who they are with His Law. 2 Cor. 5:17; Romans 8:2; John 8:32, 36; Romans 6:18.

Move 2: Jesus restored you into His Father's holy house of freedom.

Vs. 2: "Out of house of bondage" also a refrain as *the* motivation to obey. Law regulates the living relationship of God's children in His House. Just as with Adam in the Garden. Same rules: same relations. "your God" who speaks directly (20:1, 22). Throughout commandments, "I am the Lord <u>your</u> God". Because you are His, He is yours. John 1:12; Heb. 12:7; 1 Jn. 3:1-2.

Move 3: Jesus saved you to live for Him.

Vs. 1: "all these words": Ten Commandments (vss. 3-17; Deut. 4:13; 10:4). Republication of the Moral Law that was put in Adam's heart, thus embedded on all mankind (Rom. 2:15). Natural Law. 19:9: "for ever". Written in stone. After the Fall, needs to be given explicitly to a redeemed people. They have been redeemed to live the kind of life that human kind had lived/will again. Acts 7:38; Ps. 19:7; Rom. 7:14). Perfect keeping of it is heaven on earth. Mt. 5:17. Deut. 30:19-20.

Move 4: And you live for Jesus because you love Him.

It is God's love that gives you His perfect Moral Law again. World nearly lost. He restores in His people. Law reflects God's Own character. To obey it is to live free, holy, and happy with Him. Instructions on how to make the most of covenant life. Sum up in one word: love. Mt. 22:37-40 (Deut. 6:4-5; Lev. 19:18). How you know you love God back: Ex. 20:6 (Deut. 5:10); John 14:15, 21. Keeping His commandments.

Conclusion:

Mt. 21:28-32 with Ps. 40:8 (Heb. 10). John 4:34; 8:29; Luke 22:42.

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