



## “Rededication”

*Holy to the Lord  
Exodus 34:12-26*

**Rededication includes our:**

### **I. Connection** –“lest thou make a covenant” (vs. 12-17)

*Participation in the:*

- A. World** - “the inhabitants in the land”
- B. Worship** – “For thou shalt worship no other god”
- C. Weddings** – “take of their daughters unto thy sons”

### **II. Celebration** –“thou shalt observe the feast” (vs. 18-22)

*Participation promoting:*

- A. Remembrance** - “thou camest out of Egypt”
- B. Redemption** –“thou shalt redeem with a lamb”
- C. Rest** - “the seventh day thou shalt rest”

### **III. Consecration** –“appear before the LORD thrice” (vs. 23-26)

*Participation demonstrating:*

- A. Homage** –“all your men children appear before the LORD”
- B. Holiness** –“not offer the blood...sacrifice with leaven”
- C. Honor** –“the firstfruits...bring unto the house of the LORD”

## Sentence Sermon:

*“Our salvation is receiving what God gives to us,  
Our dedication is giving to God what He desires from us.”*

## Additional Verses

- **Covenants** - Exodus 23:28, 32-33
- **Worship** – Exodus 20:3-5, 23:23-24
- **Molten gods** - Exodus 20:4
- **Feast of Unleavened** – Exodus 13:3-4; 20:15
- **First born males** – Exodus 13:2, 13
- **Males presented 3 times a year** – Exodus 23:14-17
- **II Kings 22:16-17**
- **Ezekiel 8:6-10**
- **Judge 14:1-10**
- **I Kings 11:3-4; 12:28**
- **Mark 8:36**
- **Luke 9:25**
- **II Corinthians 6:14**
- **I Corinthians 5:7**

## Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. Why are “covenants” with the people of the land dangerous?
4. What are some “covenants” we make with unbelievers today?
5. Why are molten gods so tempting to mankind?
6. Why did the firstborn have to be redeemed?
7. What is true about earing time and harvest time? Is rest spiritual?
8. Why are the male children presented 3 times a year?
9. How would God keep their land from being taken?
10. What does the restriction in v.26 teach us about our faith?
11. When did you dedicate yourself to God? Rededicate to Him?
12. What in this passage shows God’s desire for dedicated people?

## Introduction:

- When in your life did you feel closest to God? Now? When you were younger or first saved?
  - Maybe its time for you come back and commit yourself to God's will and plan for your life .
- Today's passage talks about Israel returning or rededicating themselves to God's plan.

## V. 12

- Take heed to thyself = **Warning!!** Will Robinson, Aliens approaching!!
- Make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land = same word for covenant as used by God in verse 10...It comes with expectations and some form of cooperation and influence. ....**WHO** are the people of the land ????? = Wickedly antigod people that are so BAD that God wants them exterminated.
- A snare in the midst of thee = **IT'S A TRAP...**It is very attractive but it is a going to lead to lots of pain.

## V. 13

- BUT = Instead of joining them....Beat them !!
- **Destroy their** : =
  - Destroy Altars = Tear down (Emphasis on Down)
  - Break their images = violently crush, deface, or cripple monuments.
  - Cut down their groves = Cut off body parts ....Baal's goddess girlfriend or sacred trees or poles

## V. 14

- Worship no other god = **bow** or pay homage
- Whose name is Jealous = Not just a feeling but actually part of **His character...**It is His name!
- Is a jealous God = **Intolerant of having someone being taken from you**

## V. 15

- Lest thou make a covenant = NOW God tells them **what can happen** when we do not practice proper separation from worldly people.
- They go a whoring after their gods = prostitutes sell themselves for gain and is used as a picture of those that chase and serve false gods for a hope of religious advantage. Great Whore of **Revelation 17:1** – Religious institution that sells favors.
- Thou eat of his sacrifice = Invitation to eat the meat offered to idols and drink wine was very tempting – **Numbers 25:1-3**...(cp. 32:5-6 part of the **golden calf** story)

## V. 16

- *Take of their daughters unto thy sons = **Intermarrying** with the people of the promise land*
- *Make thy sons go a whoring after their gods. = Human Relationships often get prioritized over our relationship with the one true God....(ie. Solomon **I Kings 11:4** - As **Solomon** grew old, his **wives** turned his heart after other gods, and **his heart** was not fully devoted to the LORD his **God**, as the heart of David his father had been.*

## V. 17

- Thou shalt make thee no molten gods = very clear and straightforward NO MORE GOLDEN CALVES...The **works of our hands** are not to take the preeminence over our worship of God.
  - Skills like Sports
  - Skills like our Music
  - Skills like Crafts or Restoring Cars
  - Skills like whatever we do at work
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## V. 18

- The feast of unleavened bread = **The seven-day Feast of Unleavened Bread** was to be observed (cf. **12:15–20; 23:15**) in **Abib** (March–April), the month of the Exodus. **Following Passover**

## V. 19

- All that open the matrix is mine = first born ....first out of the womb.....connection between the last **plague in Egypt** and the Passover and the feast of the unleavened bread.
- Every firstling among the cattle, whether ox, or sheep, that is male. = God supplied the animals **needed for the tabernacle** through the firstborn.

## V. 20

- **The firstling of a donkey thou shalt redeem with a lamb = since donkeys were **not needed** in the tabernacle....they had 2 choices.**
- **Redeem with a lamb = **Option # 1** keep the donkey but give up an additional lamb**
- **Then shalt thou break his neck = **Option # 2** – don't redeem the donkey but put it down.**
- **None shall appear before me empty = come to worship with a gift not empty handed....principle seen in the BEMA seat judgment of Christ – **I Cor. 3:11-15****

## V. 21

- In earing time and in harvest = **plowing** time and **harvest** are the busiest times for farmers and yet they are to find time to rest.
  - Major Worship and Feast times always followed major harvest times:
    - Passover followed the harvest of lambs and goats (born in Spring)
    - Pentecost followed the wheat harvest (fifty days later)
    - Tabernacles followed the olive and grape harvest in the fall

## V. 22

- The feast of weeks = or the Feast of Harvest...First fruits of the wheat harvest - **Spring**
- The feast of Ingathering = or Feasts of Tabernacles or Booths ....**early Autumn**

## V. 23

- Thrice a year shall all your men children appear before the Lord God = The **men were assigned** the duty to represent their families at the Major Worship and Celebration times.

## V. 24

- **I will cast out the nations before you = God will throw them out or expel them from the land.**
- **I will enlarge thy borders = speaks of the process of gaining control** of the promised land piece by piece through defeating the armies there.
- **Neither shall any man desire thy land = God would be the one who protects and guarantees the boundaries of the land as they take it. Nothing would be lost because He is able to protect. GOSPEL – We are kept by the power of God.**

## V. 25

- Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven = No eating of blood...pagan practice....also not touching the leaven .....the blood of the lamb cannot be contaminated with leaven .....**Jesus was and is sinless...**so many today want to bring Him down to our level but Scripture tells us that He was tempted like we are but He did not sin.
- The feast of the Passover be left unto the morning = No feast leftovers....for any of the feasts...(synecdoche ?)

## V. 26

- The first of the first fruits = the best of the first of the crops.....**priority as well as quality.**
- Thou shalt not seeth a kid in his mother's milk = don't cook the meat in the mother's milk ....the residents of Canaan considered a magical technique to increase fertility of their flocks. Counting on Magic or Luck rather than a Good God who provides. God is a God of Purpose not Chance .