

Week 4 - Day 26

First things first - Love God, Love Others

Read: Exodus 24

Exodus 19-24 is known as the Mosaic covenant. For us, we see the giving of some hefty laws. In it's day, it was obviously a marriage proposal. The law was not a burden they had to fulfil, but a blessing, a gift to them, a commitment. It also represented the way that they knew they could honour God, a God who was in communication with them, rather than an idol of wood or stone, having to guess how to keep them happy. From a declaration of love, of commitment, an agreement written up, to the glory cloud covering them such as Jewish couples would marry under, this was unfathomable to them; God, committing Himself to them, for good.

There are entire genres of movies and literature that are successful based on the pursuit of the bride to be. God is the original pursuer, who wholly committed Himself to us, contractually obligated to love and care and provide for us.

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He cares so much He provided a written agreement. Have no other gods - don't sleep around. Keep the Sabbath - spend time enjoying me.

Question: Have the 10 commandments felt like an obligation to you? Does it change things to view them as a marriage agreement? How would they translate into a marriage agreement between people, as above?

Prayer: Spend some time in thought of God's pursuit of you. The way in which He is prepared to give you His commitment. Let gratitude flow in response.