

Conclusion: Anticipating God's Further Mission

A. Anticipating Israel's Failure

God's words to Moses were never meant to be a *final* answer to questions about who God is and what he's doing in the world

Deuteronomy 28:15-68

B. Anticipating Israel's Savior

God's words to Moses point forward – in numerous, complex, beautiful ways – to the One who will be God's final answer to questions about who God is and what he's doing in the world

LIVE THE STORY

*The Gospel is intended to be learned and lived in community.
The following questions are designed for use in our Community Groups
as an aid to growth in the Gospel and Community.*

Love the Gospel

- How does the context of Exodus 20:2 help inform what is about to happen in the giving of the law?
- How would you explain that Psalm 119:14-15 and Galatians 3:23 don't contradict one another?
- What does God intend when he calls his people a kingdom of priests?

Live the Gospel

- How can you tell that you're obeying God out of gratitude or seeking redemption through your obedience?
- How does Deuteronomy 6 challenge your engagement with those among God's people who are of the next generation?

Advance the Gospel

- How is it helpful to realize that, from a certain perspective, you are living at the ends of the earth?
- What does it look like for you to serve as a priest to your unbelieving relatives, neighbors, co-workers, and friends?

The Story of God's Mission (Part 4) How Do You Solve a Problem Like Moses? Peter Stonecipher — September 5, 2021

Text: Exodus 20:2

Introduction: How do you solve a problem like Moses?

Genesis 1:1 → Genesis 2:16-17 → Genesis 12:3

Psalm 119:14-15; Galatians 3:23

I. God's Mission is Rooted in Redemption (Exodus 20:2)

A. Context of Exodus 20:2

Genesis 15:13-14

B. The positioning of the "Prelude"

C. What the prelude says about God

God's Lordship → God's work of redemption → God's provision of relationship through covenant

Exodus 3:13-14; Exodus 6:7

D. What the prelude says about God's people

II. God's Mission Requires Obedience (Exodus 20:3-17)

A. The breadth of obedience

Matthew 22:37-29

We begin to get the sense that God intends his laws to speak to every situation, every part of our lives

B. The misuse of obedience (Galatians 3:23)

How can Paul make a statement like Galatians 3:23?

Ironically, in seeking deliverance *through* the law, people only find imprisonment *under* the law

C. The blessings of obedience (Psalm 119:14-15)

Obedience is not the *reason* for our redemption, obedience is the proper, joyful, gratitude-filled *response* to our redemption

D. Our obedience and theirs

III. God's Mission Begins at Home (Deut. 6:1-9, 20-23)

A. Parenting from the Pentateuch

The very existence of the book of Deuteronomy shows us that God's mission begins at home

B. A mission of faithfulness with what's right in front of us

"...you and your son and your son's son..."

C. A mission of incredible scope

One family → 70 or so relatives → hundreds of thousands of people

Simply passing down fear of God and obedience to his commands from one generation to the next has a *massive* impact

D. A faithful gospel witness to the next generation?

IV. God's Mission Goes to the Ends of the Earth (Ex. 19:5-6)

A. A kingdom of priests

Genesis 12:3; 1 Peter 2:9

Priests bring God to the people through God's word and they bring the people to God through sacrifices and prayers

B. Living at the ends of the earth

The ends of the earth are not necessarily a place we need to go to, it's where we live