

sermon notes

Mitchell Palermo, Messiah Bible Church | Single Teaching
March 29, 2026 | "Be holy, for I am holy." | **Exodus 19:1–25**

1) _____ to his _____ (19:1–6)

2) _____ to _____ (19:7–19)

3) Take his _____ (19:20–25)

Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

God is both transcendent (holy, majestic, awesome) and also immanent (intimate, affectionate, compassionate). It's common for believers to prefer to think about God as one or the other. Do you gravitate towards one over another? Why do you think that is? Is it important that Christians believe in and meditate on both his transcendence and immanence? Why?

Read Exodus 20:1-17. As new covenant believers, we aren't beholden to the terms of the Mosaic covenant. Are the 10 Commandments still helpful for us today? If yes, why? If no, why not?

Think about Jesus's Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Do his "commandments" require more or less from us than the 10 Commandments? What does that tell us about the nature of the new birth?

GET PERSONAL

Do you think about your relationship to God in terms of a "covenant"? Does it give you any added degree of certainty or sense of security in your relationship to God to know that he governs that relationship by a set of promises that he will never change?¹

Think back over your life and identify how you have committed to obedience. Do you think you would have made the same decision if you knew what "obedience" would have involved? Can you identify a failure to commit to obedience? What kept you from committing to obedience?

GROW TOGETHER

Consider Jesus's "commandments" from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Does your life testify to God's holiness? If yes, how so? If not, what areas could use improvement? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you your weaknesses. How can fellow believers help you grow in personal holiness?

¹ Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*, Second Edition (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2020), 657.