

Series: Exodus: Provision in the Wilderness

Sermon: The LORD Our Redeemer

Scripture: Exodus 19:1-8, 1 Peter 2:9-12 (ESV)

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Exodus 19:1-8 (ESV)

¹ On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai.

² They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain,

³ while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel:

⁴ ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.

⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine;

⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

⁷ So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him.

⁸ All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

I. Because I’ve loved you (v. 4-5)

a. Saved by grace (v. 4)

Deuteronomy 7:7-8 (ESV)

⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

⁸ but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

1 John 4:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

b. Saved for God (v. 4b-5)

Genesis 15:6 (ESV)

⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

1 Peter 3:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

John 14:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

II. Because I have a **purpose** for you (v. 5-6)

a. Israel's purpose (v. 5-6)

b. Our purpose (1 Peter 2:9-12)

1 Peter 2:9-12 (ESV)

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

“Why ... do we think that [what we're doing] is enough, why do we not observe that it is their benevolence to strangers, their care for the graves of the dead and the pretended holiness of their lives that have done most to increase atheism ... [I]t is disgraceful that, when no Jew has to beg, and the impious Galileans support not only their poor but ours as well, all men see that our people lack aid from us.”

(Emperor Julian, “Letter 22: To Arascius, High-Priest of Galatia (362 AD)”)