



Text: Exodus 19:1-24

Genre: Old Testament Law (read it like laws... laying the foundation for Christ)

Setting: Place – Mt Sinai Time – 3 months after the Exodus in 1440 BC

Key People: Author – Moses Audience – Israel

Drama: God needs to teach over 2 million freed slaves the standards of a **loyal** relationship with Him

Discovery: God informs Israel that obedience to His covenant is how they are to become His own special people. **Worship God and Walk with God.**

### 8 Old Testament Law Observations

1. 'The Law' is another name for the first 5 books of the bible but the rules of the Law are actually found in books 2-5 of the bible (Exodus 20 – Deuteronomy 33).

2. Old Testament Law outlines a covenant relationship between God and ancient Israel.

3. 'Covenant' also means 'Testament.' The Old Covenant sets the stage for the New Covenant, which is established by Jesus in the New Testament.

*God is the Covenant giver and Covenant enforcer.*

4. Old Testament Law consist of over 613 rules and regulations which are summarized in 2 commandments, "love God" and "love your neighbor."

Deuteronomy 6:5, Jeremiah 31, Matthew 22:37-40

5. Old Testament Law describes loyalty to God in 3 relationships: Israelites and God, Fellow Jews and Gentiles.

*Israel's problem came not because they couldn't keep the law but because they chose not to keep the law.*

6. Old Testament Law reveals that:

- A. God requires holiness.
- B. God's has provided guidelines to holiness.
- C. Neither holiness nor salvation can be attained through obeying the law. Galatians 3:24

7. Old Testament Law lays the foundation for establishing and maintaining a relationship with Jesus.

8. Old Testament Law is God's word to us but not necessarily God's commands to us.

**Read** and discover what God communicated to the people *then*.

### Old Testament Law Reading Rules

1. Identify which of the three relationships the law is giving the Israelites guidance on.
  - A. Relationship with God
  - B. Relationship with fellow Israelites
  - C. Relationship with Gentiles
2. Identify which of the three categories of the law is being taught.
  - A. Religious Rituals
  - B. Ethical
  - C. Civil

Discovery: Ask what attitude or behavior the laws were teaching the Israelites to be loyal to? Keep in mind, *they were required to be loyal to the letter and Spirit of the law (The letter of the law is the 'word for word' application. The Spirit of the Law represents the 'heart of God' behind the law).*

**Reflect**, pray and determine what God communicating to us *now*.

### Old Testament Law Reflecting Rules

1. Apply the letter and the Spirit of the law to yourself if it is repeated and/or reinforced in the New Testament.

What attitude or behavior are the laws teaching you to be loyal to?  
(Write three sentences to describe your answer)

2. Apply the Spirit of the law to yourself only if the law is not reinforced in the New Testament or if it is fulfilled by Christ. Ask, what does the law reveal about the 'heart of God?'

What attitude or behavior are the laws teaching you to be loyal to?  
(Write three sentences to describe your answers)

**Respond** and do something. Pray and decide what God wants to do in and through you in the *future*.

For the next 7 days, read the daily devotionals for Loyalty (Book Two of The Royal).



*"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood" 1 Peter 2:9-10*

Using the guidelines below, here is a daily Bible text for you to READ, REFLECT and RESPOND.

**MON** – Exodus 21:1-11: Loyalty (*Old Testament Law*)    **FRI** – Exodus 22:16-31: Loyalty (*Old Testament Law*)  
**TUE** – Exodus 21:12-27: Loyalty (*Old Testament Law*)    **SAT** – Exodus 23:1-9: Loyalty (*Old Testament Law*)  
**WED** – Exodus 21:28-36: Loyalty (*Old Testament Law*)    **SUN** – Exodus 23:10-19: Loyalty (*Old Testament Law*)  
**THU** – Exodus 22:1-15: Loyalty (*Old Testament Law*)

► **HINT:** When reading this weeks devotional, apply the rules that are in **bold**.



**Read** and discover what God communicated to the people at the time of the writing.

1. Identify which of the three relationships the law is giving the Israelites guidance on; relationship with God, **relationship with fellow Israelites and/or Gentiles?**

2. Identify which of the three categories of the law is being taught: Religious Rituals, Ethical, **Civil**.

Discovery – Ask what attitudes and/or behaviors the laws were teaching the Israelites to be loyal to. God's people were required to be loyal to the letter and Spirit of the law (*The Letter of the Law is the 'word for word' application. The Spirit of the Law represents the 'heart of God' behind the law.*)



**Reflect**, pray and determine what is God communicating to us in the present.

1. Apply the Letter and the Spirit of the law to yourself if the law is repeated and/or reinforced in the New Testament. Ask: Is it repeated or reinforced in the New Testament? What attitude or behavior are the laws teaching you to be loyal to? Write three sentences to describe your reflections in relation to these questions.

2. **Apply the Spirit of the law to yourself only if the law is not reinforced in the New Testament or if the law is a principle fulfilled by Jesus Christ. Ask: What does the law reveal about the 'heart of God?' What attitude or behavior are the laws teaching you to be loyal to? Write three sentences to describe your reflections in relation to these questions.**



**Respond** and do something!

Do something by praying and deciding what God wants to do in and through you in the future. Identify the steps of faith you need to take in order to facilitate God's promises. What am I going to do to apply my faith to be more loyal to who God wants me to be? Is there sin to repent of? Is there someone you need to forgive, serve or speak to?

Further applications – Send a challenge to people in your acquaintance. Be bold in what the Lord is showing you as a step of faith to be loyal to God. Use social media to spread the Word of God (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Blog, email, etc.).

**Devotional necessities:** A Bible, pen or pencil, notebook or journal, a quiet place, a regular time, a prayerful heart of faith

# BOOK TWO: LOYALTY

## LOYALTY: OLD TESTAMENT LAW

*{Old Testament Law are guidelines for discipline and personal holiness}*

**GENRE** – Old Testament Law (*Read it like Laws*)

**READING RULES** – While reading the text identify:

1. Which of the three relationships the law is giving the Israelites guidance on; relationship with God, relationship with fellow Israelites and/or Gentiles?
2. Identify which of the three categories of the law is being taught:
  - a. Religious Rituals - law that only applies in Spirit
  - b. Ethical Law - law that applies in Spirit and Letter
  - c. Civil Law - law that only applies in Spirit

Discovery – Ask what attitudes and/or behaviors the laws were teaching the Israelites to be loyal to. God's people were required to be loyal to the letter and Spirit of the law (*The Letter of the Law is the 'word for word' application. The Spirit of the Law represents the 'heart of God' behind the law.*)