1-19-20 Living As Royal Priests - Exodus 20:1-21

Will you respond to God's deliverance from prisoner to priest with thankfulness? Based on relationship or rule keeping Prisoner of selfish desires that lead to death not life We want all the benefits of royal status without the responsibility

Royal Priesthood identifies what we are and what we are to do.

New Status, New relationship (covenant) with God, Self, and Others

New Responsibility: A Light of God's Gracious Love that draws

Lingering question, "Will we trust God's plan and strive do it"

The demonstration of power on Sinai: What can be for you or against you vs 20 Do not fear but fear. So you will not rebel but love Matthew 22:34-40 Greatest command.

Jesus demonstrates this in saying. "Thy will be done through me" This is for God and for others

Deut 6:4-6 and Lev 19:18

Eating with tax collectors and sinners.

To get to the heart of the matter: God desires mercy not sacrifice for its own sake

Matt 9:13 Tax collectors and sinners, 12:7 Healing on the Sabbath Matt 23:23-24 Mercy over sacrifice

Save from and saved for is based on the foundation of God's grace

1-4 I am Yahweh your God who brought out of your bondage Seek no other trust no other, Creator & Rescuer,

No image reflects me more that you, you are my image bearers I made you for relationship and am jealous for you

People either suffer or be blessed by your choices

Do not misuse my name to mask you lack of truth

Sabbath day Holy: Because we need rest, not based on rule

Your identity is in God not in your work, special day

5 So it will go well with you

6-10 Doing to and for others what you would like done

We dehumanize people in order to treat them poorly

Murder, adultery, stealing, false witness, covet

Who is strong the rabbis would ask. He who controls his passions

Our Charge

Can you identify your bondage, the false gods you seek to satisfy self?