



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Exodus 24	Title:	“Obedience Our Hallmark”
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Summary of Chapter	God’s Covenant with Israel was confirmed after the people of Israel agreed to the terms of the Covenant read by Moses. This Covenant was sealed through a ceremony and blood sacrifices at Mount Sinai. This event marked the birth of Israel as a nation belonging to God.		

Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?
<p>⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it aloud to the people. Again they all responded, “We will do everything the Lord has commanded. We will obey.”</p> <p>⁸ Then Moses took the blood from the basins and splattered it over the people, declaring, “Look, this blood confirms the covenant the Lord has made with you in giving you these instructions.” (NLT)</p>	<p>Israel’s identity was changed overnight. They were no longer slaves, but God’s own special treasure, a kingdom of priests, God’s holy nation as He promised in Exodus 19:4-6. God began to mold His people by giving them laws and commandments directing them how they ought to live as His holy nation representing God and pointing nations to him. God demanded obedience.</p> <p>I am thankful to be God’s precious child under the New Covenant through the sacrifice of the blood of Jesus for me. In my formative years as a Christian, I read and studied the Bible for knowledge about God. Yet the Bible made little difference in my life. Many years back, my family faced a crisis. Everyone was hurt by repeated betrayal of trust. No one knew what to do to reconcile. Being the only Christian in the family, I knew that only God could intervene. I kept praying for a solution yet harbouring unforgiveness and anger, which is contrary to what God has commanded in His word. In the middle of my frustration, a thought came to me that God did not give up on Israel despite their perpetual sins against Him. At that moment, I knew the Holy Spirit was drawing out what I was reading in Exodus at that time. His message was clear. God wanted me to be like Him in character instead of reacting to the situation with my emotions and intellect. The moment I surrendered my will for His, God began to use me to be the solution for reconciliation. Eventually, my whole family was saved. All glory to God!</p> <p>The beautiful thing is, we are saved by God’s grace, but this New Covenant of grace ought to spur us to carry the hallmark of obedience so that we can be more like Jesus and point others to Him. All believers have direct access to God to hear His Word like Moses. When God’s Word is hidden in our hearts, He will speak to us anytime! Let our response be, “Yes, I will obey”.</p>

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	What is one area of obedience that God have already revealed in your life that God wants you to commit to? Take steps to let God journey with you as you pray.
Youth:	How do Christians and non-Christians behave differently in your school? How can you better represent God and point others to Him? Ask God to help you to trust and obey as His Word says so.
Child:	The fifth commandment in the Ten Commandments is to honour your parents. What is one instruction from your parents that you need God’s help to obey?

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Father God, thank You for loving us. Help us to please You with our obedience to Your Word. Give us faith and understanding to trust what You say so that we will follow Your decrees. Your grace is sufficient for us as we commit to obey You with all our hearts.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus’ Name I/we pray. Amen.