



We've been following and studying the chosen ones. Today we are going to turn our attention back to Jesus and taking a deep dive into his most famous sermon. Our message is entitled, *Beyond Mountains*. I reflected on the significance of mountains in the bible. What Is the Symbolism behind Mountains in the Bible?

- Sometimes mountains can serve as a symbol for obstacles.
- It often talks about faith that can move mountains—hinting that the mountains had stood in the way of someone accomplishing something.
- Mountains also tend to represent grandeur and majesty
- Psalm 121 A song of ascents.

<sup>1</sup> *I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?*

<sup>2</sup> *My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

- Major events happen on Mountains throughout the Bible

**OG QUESTION 1. What is the significance of Mountains in the bible? What are the positives and negatives of mountains? What do mountains symbolize in your life today?**

Today we will look at two major events that took place on a mountain/hill  
COVENANT BEGAN ON MOUNT SANAI

- Moses went up the mountain and brought back down the Ten Commandments for the Covenant Community.
- Over 600 more commandments can be found in the Torah.
- The people of God would soon find out how big of a mountain obeying the commandments would be.

But what exactly is a COVENANT? I love the Bible Projects Explanation:

A covenant is a chosen relationship or partnership in which two parties make binding promises to each other and work together to reach a common goal. They're often accompanied by oaths, signs, and ceremonies. Covenants contain defined obligations and commitments, but differ from a contract in that they are relational and personal. Think of a marriage. In love, a husband and wife choose to enter into a formal relationship binding themselves to one another in lifelong faithfulness and devotion. They then work as partners to reach a common goal, like building a career or raising children together. That's a covenant.

**OG QUESTION 2: In your own define and describe covenant? How important is it for both parties to full their part of the covenant? What do you think happens when we break covenant?**



God made a covenant with a CHOSEN people to be their God bless them and establish His kingdom reign on Earth. We became Partners with God. He would do his part and we need only do our part. So what were his Instructions to his people

### Exodus 20

<sup>1</sup> Then God gave the people all these instructions:

<sup>2</sup> "I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery.

<sup>3</sup> "You must not have any other god but Me.

<sup>4</sup> "You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. <sup>5</sup> You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject Me. <sup>6</sup> But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.

<sup>7</sup> "You must not misuse the Name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse His Name.

<sup>8</sup> "Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> You have six days each week for your ordinary work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the Lord your God. On that day no one in your household may do any work. This includes you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, your livestock, and any foreigners living among you. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the Lord made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them; but on the seventh day He rested. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart as holy.

<sup>12</sup> "Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> "You must not murder.

<sup>14</sup> "You must not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> "You must not steal.

<sup>16</sup> "You must not testify falsely against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> "You must not covet your neighbor's house. You must not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor."

**OG QUESTION 3: How are you doing with the 10 commandments? What is the most challenging for you in living obediently before Christ?**

The instructions were clear the problem was the people were inadequate.

The solution - JESUS

THE FULFILLMENT OF THE COVENANT IN THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT



### Matthew 5:17-18 ESV

Christ Came to Fulfill the Law

*<sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.*

Explain Torah - first 10 commandments and then 603 more commands after that (Found in the first 5 books of the Bible)

### Matthew 5:20 New Living Translation

*<sup>20</sup> "But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!"*

**OG Question 4: Discuss implication of what Jesus teaches in the following passages below. What are the root issues Jesus is speaking to?**

- Jesus Teaches About Anger - Matthew 5: 21-24
- Jesus Teaches about Lust - Matthew 5:27-30
- Jesus Teaches about Divorce - Matthew 5:31-32
- Jesus Teaches about Vows - Matthew 5:33-37
- Jesus Teaches about loving Enemies - Matthew 5:43-48
- Jesus teaches about prayer - expound on forgiveness
- Jesus teaches about money, worry, judging others, the way to heaven, fruitfulness, and building a solid foundation.

**OG Question 5: Read Scripture below. What were the Peoples reaction to his teaching? What is your reaction to his teaching?**

### Matthew 7:28-29 Amplified

*<sup>28</sup> "When Jesus had finished [speaking] these words [on the mountain], the crowds were astonished and overwhelmed at His teaching; <sup>29</sup> for He was teaching them as one who had authority [to teach entirely of His own volition], and not as their scribes [who relied on others to confirm their authority]."*

So WHY? Iceberg analogy - Jesus wanted to show the root issue within the human heart and their desperate need of a savior. Jesus was not after behavior modification but soul transformation. He is here to expose the deep rooted issue of the human condition - a hardened heart.



### Jeremiah 17:9-10 ESV

*"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? "I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."*

### Jeremiah 31:31-34 New Living Translation

<sup>31</sup> *"The day is coming," says the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. <sup>32</sup> This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant, though I loved them as a husband loves his wife," says the Lord.*

<sup>33</sup> *"But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel after those days," says the Lord. "I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people. <sup>34</sup> And they will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, 'You should know the Lord.' For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know Me already," says the Lord. "And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins."*

### Ezekiel 11:19-20 New Living Translation

<sup>19</sup> *"And I will give them singleness of heart and put a new spirit within them. I will take away their stony, stubborn heart and give them a tender, responsive heart, <sup>20</sup> so they will obey My decrees and regulations. Then they will truly be My people, and I will be their God."*

### **OG QUESTION 6: How will God give us a new spirit?**

Go back to the beginning

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### **OG QUESTION 7: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FULFILL SOMETHING? How did Christ's fulfillment of the law; fulfill the law for us? Does this mean we do not have to live accordance to the Law? Why or why not?**

Jesus was the embodiment of the Law

He exemplified how to live out the law here on earth

He was the reigning King coming to establish his kingdom.

CHRIST'S SPIRIT WITHIN US - EMPOWERMENT

HE DID NOT ONLY DIE FOR US HE GAVE HIMSELF TO US