

The Book of Exodus

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God’s Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses that the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we continue our study of the book of **Exodus**. As we have already seen, this book acts as the foundation for the rest of the Old Testament. **Jeremiah 32:20** (NLT) makes this comment about **Exodus**:

“You performed miraculous signs and wonders in the land of Egypt—things still remembered to this day! And you have continued to do great miracles in Israel and all around the world. You have made your name very great, as it is today.”

This morning we will be reading **Exodus 19-31**, a significant portion of the book, which describes two things:

- **The giving of the Law (19:1-24:18)** – take particular note of **21:23-25**, which provides the basis of justice under the Old Covenant. Under the Covenant of Grace, however, it is Christ who took the eye for our eye, the tooth for our tooth, the burn for our burn, the life for our life. We can never fully appreciate the grace of the New Covenant until we understand the Law of the Old Covenant (note **John 1:17**).
- **The blueprint of the Tabernacle (25:1-31:18)** – as you read about the Tabernacle in this section, you may want to review **ES107-02**, which examines the rich types that can be found in the pattern of Moses’ Tabernacle.

In these two sections of **Exodus**, we discover the righteous standard that God set for the people of Israel – both in their relationship with one another and in their relationship with God.

Now pull up a comfortable chair, open up your Bible, and read **Exodus 19-31**. And as you read, remember that everything recorded in these chapters is pointing toward the coming of Jesus. As **Colossians 2:17** tells us:

“These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.”

Memory Verse

For the law was given through Moses;
grace and truth came through
Jesus Christ.

John 1:17

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!