



Shavuot Day 1 Bible Study

Theme: The Covenant at Sinai - Law for a Holy Nation



Introduction

On the first day of Shavuot, we return to the mountain of God; Sinai, where the Almighty God descended in fire, and the voice of the Lord shook the earth. This day marks the divine covenant made between YHWH and His people: a nation born by blood (Passover) and established by law (Shavuot).

Let us remember the Law not as bondage, but as blessing, structure, and order, the very foundation of a righteous household and nation.



Scripture Reading

(Full chapter should be read for home study; only key verses displayed here due to length.)

Exodus 19:1–25; 20:1–21

Exodus 19:5–6

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Exodus 20:1–3

1 And God spake all these words, saying,

2 I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Commentary

Shavuot is about our identity. At Sinai, Israel was transformed from a band of former slaves into a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. This covenant was conditional upon obedience, “If ye will obey My voice...”

The giving of the Ten Commandments was not merely about morality; it was about government. It established YHWH as King. It declared the constitution of Heaven for life on Earth. This is the foundation of *The Great Order he established*. Eternal Law from the throne of God.

The scene at Sinai; with thunder, fire, smoke, and the voice of God, is a dramatic reminder: our God is not a passive deity. He rules. He commands. He expects obedience. The household must reflect Sinai: the father as priest, the Word as law, and the children as citizens-in-training.

Discussion Questions (For All Ages)

For Young Children

1. What did God give His people on Mount Sinai?
2. Why do we obey the Ten Commandments?
3. Who gave us rules because He loves us?

For Older Children/Teens

1. What does it mean to be a “holy nation”?
2. Why did God use thunder and fire to give the Law?
3. How do the Ten Commandments shape our family life?

For Adults

1. Why is the giving of the Law essential to freedom?
 2. What happens to a nation or household that rejects God’s commandments?
 3. How can we ensure the Law of God remains central in our home?
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Psalm for the Day

Psalm 119:1–16

- 1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.
- 2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.
- 3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.
- 4 Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.
- 5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!
- 6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.
- 7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.
- 9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.
- 10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.
- 11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.
- 12 Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.
- 13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.
- 14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.
- 15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.
- 16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

Comment: Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in Scripture, and its theme is the Law of God. Recite selected verses or the whole passage as a family to honor the gift of the Torah.

Hymn: “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord,
The House Of Thine Abode,

The Church Our Blest Redeemer Saved
With His Own Precious Blood.

I Love Thy Church, O God.
Her Walls Before Thee Stand,
Dear As The Apple Of Thine Eye,
And Graven On Thy Hand.

For Her My Tears Shall Fall;
For Her My Prayers Ascend;
To Her My Cares And Toils Be Given,
Till Toils And Cares Shall End.

Beyond My Highest Joy
I Prize Her Heavenly Ways:
Her Sweet Communion, Solemn Vows,
Her Hymns Of Love And Praise.

Sure As Thy Truth Shall Last,
To Zion Shall Be Given
The Brightest Glories Earth Can Yield,
And Brighter Bliss Of Heaven

Family Application Points

- **Fathers:** Teach your household that the Law is not bondage, it is the house code of God's family. Declare your loyalty to YHWH as the Lawgiver of your domain.
 - **Mothers:** Support the teaching of the Law by creating visual reminders (e.g., framed commandments, verse art, chore order tied to scripture).
 - **Children:** Memorize the Ten Commandments and explain what each one means in your own words.
 - **Household:** Hold a discussion on how each commandment applies to your daily life. Review household rules that reflect God's Law.
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Prayer of Covenant Renewal

Heavenly Father,

We stand today as a household under Your rule. We thank You for delivering us from bondage, and we rejoice in the gift of Your Law. May we never be like the nations who forget Your commandments. Let Your statutes be written on our walls, on our hearts, and on our lips. Make this family a living expression of Your holy order. Let Your commandments be our delight and our guide. In the name of our King and Redeemer, Yahusha Messiah, we pray,
Amen.