

KNOW and GROW → Week 24 Schedule and Questions:

Summary: Last week in Exodus 20 the Ten Commandments were given to Moses; this week he receives various laws regarding Hebrew servants, personal injuries, protection of property, social responsibility, justice and mercy, and the three annual festivals.

Then, after sharing those laws with the people, “they responded with one voice, ‘Everything the Lord has said we will do.’” (24:3)

We have all made similar promises; however, we have all fallen short of keeping them – just like the Israelites. Therefore, knowing we are sinners, let us – *by grace through faith* – ever embrace and rejoice in our Lord Jesus Christ, *through whom we have God’s forgiveness!*

Monday June 14 Exodus 21

- Does God’s Word make a sharp distinction between *accidently* and *deliberately* killing a person? Y N
- List the reasons a person *must be put to death* (vv. 12-14) _____ (15) _____
(16) _____ (17) _____
- Read v. 23 – “**meant to limit the punishment to fit the crime.**” (CSSB) *Not to increase the punishment!*

Tuesday June 15 Exodus 22

- God is fair but He knows our tendency to be unfair as sinners, so He laid out rules of fairness with property.
- List more reasons why a person *must be put to death* (18) _____ (19) _____
(20) _____

Wednesday June 16 Exodus 23

- Compare v. 2a with Proverbs 13:20; 14:16.
- See v. 12 – even today let us be refreshed by the Lord each Sunday with His forgiveness, Spirit, and strength!
- The feast of unleavened bread (Passover) was not simply remembered, *but relived!* See answers for more!
- Going God’s way is always best – see vv. 20-33!

Thursday June 17 Exodus 24

- *May God keep us faithful to our promises!*

Friday June 18 Exodus 25

- Offerings-voluntary (v. 2); tithe-required (Mal. 3:8-10).

KNOW and GROW → Week 25 Schedule and Questions:

Summary: At the end of last week we began the instructions for the tabernacle furniture; this week explains the details of the tabernacle itself, the altar, the courtyard, the oil, the priestly garments, the consecration of the priests, and so on.

In today’s world, *when it comes to our worship space and style*, we are not forced to proceed in certain ways. Nevertheless, from our readings this week, let us realize that God is into the details; furthermore, He wants things done in ways that are reverent, right, orderly, fitting, understandable, and beneficial. *May God help us to always proceed in such ways at Bethlehem Lutheran Church!*

Monday June 21 Exodus 26

Note: Our Chancel at BLC focuses on *Jesus*:

- Alpha and Omega – the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet under our Altar (Revelation 22:13).
- Altar – Jesus’ once for all sacrifice for our sins (1Peter 3:18); the table from which we receive His Supper.
- Altar Crucifix – The OT sacrifices kept pointing ahead to Jesus’ ultimate sacrifice for our sins (Hebrews 9:11-28).
- Large Cross – empty; Jesus is risen (Matthew 28:6).
- Two Stained Glass Window Symbols – What are they? (see Revelation 5:1-14) _____

Tuesday June 22 Exodus 27

- Read v. 21; then identify something similar in our chancel at Bethlehem: _____

Wednesday June 23 Exodus 28

- Why do Lutheran pastors wear vestments? See v. 2; also, “**...to exalt the office and functions...**” (CSSB)
- Regarding making decisions and our recent sermon series on Biblical Decision-Making, see v. 30.

Thursday June 24 Exodus 29

- What visible sign of sacrifice was on the garments of the priests? _____

Friday June 25 Exodus 30

- Why did the priests wash (20-21)? _____; also, “**signifying the purity that must characterize them.**” (CSSB)

Answers:

Exodus 21:

- Yes, see vv. 12-14.
- (12-14) Murder; (15) attack a parent; (16) kidnap; (17) curse a parent; the ones involving parents sound very harsh, but we must remember that parents are God's representatives in this life – so to attack or curse a parent is to do the same to God! Lutherans agree with capital punishment today – in some cases – BECAUSE OF GOD'S WORD!

Exodus 22:

- (18) Sorcery; (19) sexual relations with an animal; (20) sacrifice to a false god.

Exodus 23:

- Most people are followers, *not leaders*; furthermore, most leaders are leading to destruction! *Be careful!*
- In today's world it is easy to work – or play hard – seven days a week; such a life will eventually push God and salvation far away! Therefore, *may God's priorities always be ours!*
- In America we oftentimes celebrate while forgetting the original intent of the celebration – *NOT GOOD!* For those who know it, share it; for those who do not, rediscover WHY we celebrate each holiday!

Exodus 25:

- A tithe is 10% of everything we receive/are blessed with; an offering is anything given OVER AND ABOVE a tithe.

Answers:

Exodus 26

- Please join us in Bible class on Sunday, June 27 for the answer; also, join us to see a DVD with a model of the temple which is located at The Holy Land Experience in Orlando, FL.

Exodus 27:

- The eternal light in the red glass container, up high to the left.

Exodus 28:

- If you missed any sermon in the series, go to www.blc7500.com, then sermons 2010 to listen or read – and understand and benefit! Also, available in our narthex!

Exodus 29:

- Blood, see v. 21. If there was actual blood sprinkled on my white alb that I wear for worship, would that be a vivid reminder of Jesus' blood sacrifice for our sins?

Exodus 30:

- They washed “*so that they would not die.*” We tend to pull God down to our level – *He is our buddy, He is like us*; but let us always remember that He is almighty and holy, while we are weak and unholy; therefore, let us always ✦praise Him for making us holy in His sight through Jesus and ✦use the strength He gives us to live according to His Word!