

“RULES OF ENGAGEMENT”

The Sinai Code, Part 1

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In all world religions, including Christianity, there is the assumption to gain credibility and _____ with God we have to clean up our act and obey certain rules

We associate our _____ with our _____ to God

That way of thinking has done more to _____ people from God than anything else _____ does not motivate you to get right with God

God’s laws & rules are not a condition for a relationship; they’re a _____ of a relationship; they are not a condition of His love; they’re a _____ of His love

You can tell a lot about a _____ by the laws they give and to whom they give the rules

In the Ten Commandments we’ll discover what is _____ to God

The First Commandment

Exodus 20:1-2 (NIV) “And God spoke all these words: ‘I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.’”

Exodus 12:1-7 (NIV) “The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ‘This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs.’”

Exodus 12:12-14 (NIV) “‘On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD - a lasting ordinance.’”

God says to the Hebrews, I want to be your Savior/Rescuer – all I need for you to do is _____

As the Hebrews received the Ten Commandments they knew they weren’t there to get in with God; they already _____. They weren’t there to establish a relationship; already had _____

Having established the fact that we are His and He is ours, God _____ gives us the law we are to live by

A relationship with God is not predicated on keeping _____; God established a relationship with the Hebrew people before they even knew what the rules were

Exodus 20:3 (NIV) “You shall have no other gods before me.”

_____ never establish a relationship with your Heavenly Father

Rules without a relationship always result in _____
_____ always precedes rules with God

Rule #1 with God is simply, "Will you _____ Me?"

If God compliments you with a rule, its evidence you're already _____ – it's never a condition of _____

God has given us rules and laws and commandments because He _____ us, not for us to prove something to Him

Jesus didn't die on the cross so you could get it right; He died on the cross because He knew you would get it _____

If you simply place your faith in the blood of Christ who died once & for all your sin, you're _____

It's a lot easier to control people if you say you have to behave a certain way or you won't go to heaven when you die. That's a lot of leverage, but it's a _____

God has invited you into a relationship of unconditional love based on _____ you do but on something He's done on your behalf

All you do is put your _____ into something that has been done on your behalf

My Next Step Today Is:

- I am placing my faith in what Christ did for me. I am asking Him into my life
- I will memorize Exodus 20:3
- I plan to participate in (class name) _____ on Wed nights beginning June 23rd
- I want to play in the New Hope summer volleyball league beginning Sun, July 11th