

## **“The Heart of God” Exodus 20:22-24.18**

### **Theme:**

The heart of YHWH is on display as he confirms his covenant with the nation of Israel. The Law reveals who he is, what he’s like, and how his people can live as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation in the land of promised blessing. The inauguration of this Theocracy is not only celebratory, but a *shadow* pointing to *substance*.

**Emphasis:** *YHWH confirms his covenant with his people by blood and the glory of his presence.*

### **Outline:**

- I. The Ten Words (Preamble) (Exodus 20:1-21)
  
- II. The Law Detailed (Constitution) (Exodus 20:22-23:19)
  
- III. The Land Promised (Conquest) (Exodus 23:20-33)
  
- IV. The Covenant Confirmed (Inauguration) (Exodus 24:1-18)
  - a. Call to Worship (v1-3)
  - b. Consecration of the Worshipers (v4-8)
  - c. Confirmation of the Covenant (Vassal Treaty/Constitution) (v9-11)
  - d. Communion with YHWH (v12-18)

*BUT THIS IS MERELY A SHADOW OF THE GOOD THINGS TO COME . . .*

- Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Luke 9:28-36) –
- Hebrews **8** – *BETTER COVENANT, BETTER MEDIATING PRIEST, BETTER SACRIFICE...BETTER EVERYTHING!*

### **CONCLUSION**

The covenant that was ratified in Exodus 24, inaugurating the nation of Israel as the people of YHWH, was truly unprecedented and glorious. God was beginning to reclaim and restore what was rightfully his. This vassal treaty that outlined how the nation of Israel would live as a kingdom of priest and a holy nation among all pagan nations, would demonstrate the heart of YHWH as they loved him and loved one another.

BUT, a better covenant was necessary – *A ROYAL GIFT COVENANT*. Through the sinless life, substitutionary death, glorious resurrection, and ascension of Jesus – *A BETTER COVENANT HAS CONFIRMED THE INAUGURATION OF A BETTER KINGDOM UNDER THE RULE OF KING JESUS*.

