**Scripture:** Exodus 19 and 20:18-26

**Singing:** 317:1-2 – 139 – 313 – 420:4, 6

**The Awesome Splendor God’s Revelation of the Law on Mt. Sinai**

I. What is the setting of God’s revelation of the Law?

II. What is the reason for the manner of God’s revelation of the Law?

**I. What is the setting in which God brought the Ten?**

**A. It was a *gracious setting*** … does that seem a little startling?

1. The TEN are framed in context of GRACE

a. Ex. 1-19 recounts the LORD’s gracious dealings

● Ex. 4:22; 19:4, 5

b. these facts are humbling and to be remembered

● Eph. 2:1-10; 1 Pet. 2:9

2. It is grace-setting of the TEN is crucial

a. the TEN are **not** the way of life like it was for Adam

● the Law is *source of knowledge of sin* but not of *salvation*

c. the TEN are *the way of life for the* ***saved***

**B. It was a *covenantal setting***

1. All God’s doings with Israel were *covenantal*: ex. 2:24-25, Deut 7:8

a. God has always related to mankind in *a covenantal way*

b. God sought their willing **consent** to the covenant (Ex. 19:5-6)

2. God’s gracious covenant has unique features

a**. it is unequal**: *holy God in covenant with unholy people*

b**. it is one-sided**

● not only in the *establishing of it* but in *execution*

c. **it is *grace-based*** instead of *works-based*

3. What significance does all this have for the NT people of God?

a. God’s Church lives out of the same Covenant today

● see Acts 2:39 – Gal. 3:29 – 4:28 – Rom. 11

b. if the same covenant, then the same Law is valid also

**II What is the reason the way God proclaimed the TEN**

A. It was a solemn setting

1. Scripture celebrates as majestic: Ps. 68:17; Heb. 12:12; Deut. 4:33

B. Why so solemn, majestic, awe-inspiring?

1. because God is now dealing with *sinners* instead of *sinless ones*

2. because God now addresses His people *dangerous world* instead of

Paradise

3. because God instantly convinced them of the need of a Mediator

a. see Ex. 20:18 and compare to Deut 18:16-18,

b. God’s answer: *The Tabernacle provision*

● Ex. 20:24-26; 36

**Consider in closing**,

A. Jesus: *If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them* (John 13)

a. what things are these?

● to love God to the utmost devotion: *the cross!*

● to love your neighbors to the lowest level: *wash feet!*

**Truth-Sayings about the Law**

God’s law is now used to reveal sin, not to remove it.

It is to break us while the Gospel is the oil to cure us.

The Law sends us to the Gospel, that we may be justified.

The Gospel sends us to the law again to enquire what is our duty,

being justified. (S. Bolton)

When the Law is written on our heart,

our duty will be our delight. (M. Henry)

The Law say ‘Do’ and the Gospel of grace says ‘Done.’ (J. H. Jowett)