

All That The Lord Said

“And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD”, Exodus 19:8.

(To understand the context of this verse, please read Exodus 19:1–8.)

The first time we read these words in our Bibles is right here, therefore,

1. Why were the words said,
They had not approached God, God came to them through and by His desire to bless them through His Grace.
Today is no different. Our blessings and comforts do not come to us because we claim to know God, but rather through the fact that He knows us, Galatians 4:9.
2. When were the words said,
After Moses had received a charter from God on Mount Sinai, some three months after the Israelites had left Egypt.
The remarkable choice by God of Mount Sinai is the fact that the height of Mount Sinai makes it the most conspicuous, and therefore the most eminent in that mountain range.
The prime statement made here by God is ‘OBEDIENCE’, verse 5, and is addressed to both the house of Jacob, and the children of Israel, verse 3, for some had sunk to a low similar to Jacob when he went to Padan-aram, yet they were as rich as Israel through the spoils thrust upon them by the Egyptians.

All believers – then and now – through the acceptance Of God’s Gift of Freedom, have become a chosen generation – a royal priesthood – 1 Peter 2:9.

Thus Moses, by placing the charter in front of the people, gave them the chance to accept or reject. Their acceptance came with the words, “All that the LORD hath spoken we will do”.

Exodus 24:7, “And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient”.

(To understand the context of this verse, please read Exodus 24:1–8.)

This is the second meeting on Mount Sinai between God and Moses. This time God called upon Moses to bring Aaron, his sons, and the seventy elders of Israel as witnesses.

They, Aaron, his sons, and the seventy elders were required by God to worship afar off, verse 1, and be respectful as to whose presence they had entered into.

The rest of the people were to remain behind the boundaries at the base

of the mountain.

At this point three aspects come to the fore,

1. Moses is a type of Jesus who is able to enter the Father's Presence when called to do so,
2. Aaron, his sons, and the seventy elders are representative of the Church leadership,
3. The tribes at the base of the mountain therefore represent the Church, waiting for the next command from the head of the Church, Jesus Christ the Lord.

In these verses we have the solemn covenant made between God and Israel in the previous chapters, a covenant ratified – but not changed – by Jesus in His Teaching, presented to the people by Moses in front of Aaron and the elders.

The people were unanimous, consenting to the covenant without reservation.

In Exodus 19:8, the people, by the use of the words “All that the LORD hath spoken we will do”, had consented – in a general way – to be subject to God's governing.

Here, by the use of the words “All that the LORD hath said will we do, AND BE OBEDIENT”, is not consenting in a general way, but consenting to God's Rule in their daily living.

Exodus 35:10, “And every wise hearted among you shall come, and make all that the LORD hath commanded”;

(To understand the context of this verse, please read Exodus 35:1–19.)

In the first verse we looked at, Moses was on his own on the Mount with God. In the second verse Moses was directed to bring Aaron, his sons, and the seventy elders of Israel. In this verse ALL the wise hearted were to come and hear what God had to say.

Now, it is not only Aaron, his sons, and the seventy elders, but also those who are skilled from among the rulers of the congregation, and also those who would represent the skilled members of the tribes, that they should receive and know the instructions Moses had received from the Lord. For what? To build, furnish, and establish the House of God.

Moses imparted to those present ALL – without embellishment – that God had commanded him.

They were to work for six days on the tabernacle, the seventh day they were to rest. Thus, even at that point God placed the Sabbath above the sanctuary.

Two things were to be done,

1. All that were able must contribute, verse 5,
2. All that were skilful must work, verse 10.

Moses wrote the words of the Lord, possibly – not only to minimise the chance of error – as God dictated them on the mount.

Whenever God had separated to himself a people in the world, He has governed them through and by a written word. It is only man that has rewritten God's Word, for Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away", Matthew 24:35.

Many consent to the law, but do not live by it. Many 'live' by the law for an hour each Sunday. They stood for a hymn; they knelt for a prayer; sat with an intelligent expression on their faces during the sermon. **THAT IS NOT OBEDIENCE, NOR REVERENCING GOD.**