

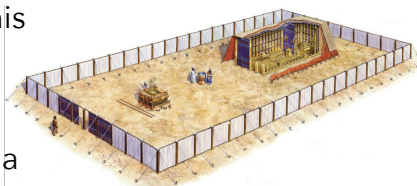
We learned on Sunday that a **covenant** is a _____ based on _____. God's covenant with the nation of Israel started at Mount Sinai.

"Now therefore, _____ you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation..." (Exo 19:5-6)

All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we _____ do." (Exo 19:8)

God clearly wanted a special relationship with the descendants of Abraham, but it's really important to always remember that God is _____. If Israel was going to have a relationship with him, they were going to have to respect his holiness, and God taught them how by giving them a law (Exo 24:3-4, 7). He promised to "dwell among" them in his tabernacle (Exo 29:43, 45)

and even provided the _____ of the covenant as a



clear symbol of his presence among them (Exo 25:10-22).

God loved the nation of Israel (Deut 7:6-11) and planned to bless the world through them, but it was really, really important for them to understand this fact: **God takes covenants very, very seriously**. So should we.

"All these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, _____ you _____ the voice of the LORD your God." (Deut 28:1-2, 15)

For Class & Family Discussion:

- Let's spend a few minutes reminding ourselves what had happened since Abraham. How did his descendants end up at Mount Sinai?
- When the Bible tells us that God is "holy," what does that mean, and how does it relate to having a relationship with him?
- What was so special about the tabernacle and the ark of the covenant?
- Let's revisit **Exodus 19:5-6**. What did God want the nation of Israel to be?
- Now, let's turn in our Bibles to **1 Peter 2:9-10**. What does God want *us* to be?
- Let's read **Deuteronomy 7:9** again together. What do we need to "know"?
- We heard God use the word "if" several times in connection with his promises to Israel. Why is "if" such an important part of a covenant?