

On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai... There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. (Exodus 19:1-3)

The LORD had led Israel out of Egypt to Mount Sinai to enter into a covenant with them (Exodus

19:4-6). As a part of that covenant, God gave Moses "the tablets of stone" (Exodus 24:12).

And he gave to Moses, when he had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written with the <u>finger</u> of God. (Exodus 31:18)

But what does this have to do with our search for our King? In 2 Corinthians 3, the apostle Paul reminds us of these ancient tablets of stone, and then he talks about a different tablet we all need to understand...

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you, or from you? You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. (2 Corinthians 3:1-4)

Did you know YOU have a tablet? It's not made of stone; your tablet is the heart God has given you. Your heart is like a tablet that things can be written on. Good things and bad things. That means we need to be REALLY careful about what goes on our hearts, right? Listen to Proverbs 3:1-3:

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments... bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.

FOUNDATION STONES

KEY WORD Building Blocks:

We heard the word "covenant" a lot in today's study. What's a covenant? Can you think of any examples of when God made a covenant with people?

How do things get "written" on the "tablet" of my heart?

When it comes to having a relationship with God, which is **better**? For his law to be written on stone tablets or written on our hearts? Why?

