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Memorization

Question 43: *What is the preface to the ten commandments?*

Answer: *The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."*

Question 44: *What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us?*

Answer: *The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us, That because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction.
2. God's transcendence.
3. God's covenant.
4. God's redemption.
- 5 Applications.

Basic Questions for Question and Answers 43 & 44

1. What does the word "preface" mean as it is used in this lecture?

2. What does the word "bind" mean as it is used in this lecture?

Bible Study Questions

(Look up the Scripture texts, read them, then write them out in the space provided.)

1. *God transcends all creation.*

Exodus 3:14 _____

Exodus 20:2 _____

2. *God established a special relationship with his people.*

Genesis 17:7–8 _____

3. *God has redeemed his people and given his people liberty from their former bondage.*

Exodus 6:2–7 _____

Exodus 12:23 _____

1 Corinthians 6:20 _____

1 Peter 1:18–18 _____

Lecture Checkup

1. How do the Ten Commandments begin? What is the function of a preface?

2. Is there anything in this preface that tells us to obey God in order to earn salvation?

3. What does the word “transcendence” mean? What is the transcendence of God?

4. How should we understand God in that he said, “I AM THAT I AM”?

5. How does this preface show us the covenantal relationship of God and his people?

6. What are the privileges and encouragements of this covenant for God’s people?

7. How does God have a right to bind his people to the covenant? Why is it right that we should be called to obey him?

8. How did God bring his people Israel out of “the house of bondage”? What is that referring to?

9. What is the link between the Passover and the Lord Jesus Christ? How does the Bible speak of this relationship?

10. What is the ultimate reason that we should love God and obey him? Do we still have the responsibility to obey God in the New Testament time?

Practical Application

1. Meditate on Exodus 6, verses 2 to 7, by considering it under the three main points taught in this lecture.

2. What is the relevance of the preface to the Ten Commandments? How does the New Testament prove this relationship? Have you experienced this relationship spiritually and personally?
