

# Righteousness Being Restored

Exodus 19:1-6, Deuteronomy 6:1-25



# First Possibility



- The main issue with this phrase deals with the thought..., “What righteousness was Moses restoring?”
- Moses was the one who introduced the idea of righteousness to the Israelites.
- There was no great falling away from righteousness among the people that Moses led out of Egypt that could be restored.
- Therefore, we need to look further back to the patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- Maybe the basis of the righteousness that was being restored was to bring the people back to trusting in God and His Word.

# Second Possibility



- Was it referring to the righteousness associated with the human race before the fall?
- Righteousness is not actually mentioned in association with Eden but there are some concepts that work.
- The most striking thing about Eden is the unbroken relationship with God.
- God wanted to restore His relationship with people at the time of Moses.
- A key component of righteousness is a relationship with God.
- Other references to righteousness in Genesis seem to link it with ethical behavior.
- Any restoration of righteousness at the time of Moses was not successful.



# The Solution



- The Exodus and the Law are tied together with righteousness in Exodus and Deuteronomy.
- The law did not save the Israelites, God did; keeping the law was the appropriate response to that act of salvation.
- Deuteronomy tells us that keeping the law is righteousness, but only in the context where God has first saved us.
- The Law is not a law of perfect performance but a law of maintaining a relationship that God has established.
- The key to the Law and righteousness is that the Law was there to allow God to dwell among His people without destroying them.

# Lessons Learned



- God's goal, in the time of Moses and the time of Eden, has not changed.
- We have the Holy Spirit both to guide and enable us, but righteousness is still a requirement.
- As with the law, there is provision for sin, Christ has dealt with it, but we need to repent.
- Knowing what Jesus would do in a situation is not enough, we need His power to do it.
- God is willing to provide the power if we are willing to ask and obey.

# Conclusion



- There will be no revival in the world until the church is what it is supposed to be... Righteous.
- Becoming righteous is done through faith and by trusting God.
- To become righteous requires changes in our thoughts and behavior, and God will give us the power if we are willing.
- Moses teaches us that righteousness is not a requirement of salvation, but it is the only acceptable response to it.