

Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. (Luke 24:27)



A painting depicting three men in a lush, sunlit landscape. The man on the left, wearing a red shawl over a dark tunic, is seen from the back, holding a staff. The man in the center, with long hair and a beard, wearing a light-colored robe, is gesturing upwards with his right hand. The man on the right, wearing a brown and red robe, is looking towards the central figure. They are standing on a dirt path. In the background, there are large, leafy trees and a distant city with domes and minarets, possibly Jerusalem, under a bright sky. The overall style is that of a classical religious painting.

God's Presence

Exodus 13-40

YHWH's Presence

- “Certainly I will be with you” (3:12)
 - The pillar of cloud / fire was a physical symbol of the presence of the LORD (13:21-22)
 - “the angel of God” (14:19) & “the angel of His presence” (Isa. 63:8-9)

YHWH's Presence

- See 23:20-23
 - “obey his voice”
 - “he will not pardon your transgression”
 - “My name is in him”
 - “My angel will go before you”

YHWH's Presence

- To lead them (13:21)
- To protect them (14:19)
- To shade them: “He spread a cloud for a covering” (Ps. 105:39a)
- For light (13:21; Ps. 105:39b)
- To speak (33:9-11; Num. 12:5)

YHWH's Commandments

- “The LORD said to Moses, ‘Behold, I will come to you in a thick cloud, so that the people may hear when I speak with you and may also believe in you forever.’” (Ex. 19:9a)
–See 19:16-20

YHWH's Commandments

- See Acts 7:30-38
 - “the angel who was speaking to [Moses] on Mount Sinai” (38)
 - “the messenger [angel] of the covenant” (Mal. 3:1)

YHWH's Commandments

- *Angel – messenger; representative* -> one sent on behalf of another
 - Jesus: “He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me.” (John 12:45)
 - 37x in Gospel of John
 - See also 1 John 4:9, 10, 14

YHWH's Commandments

- See Heb. 12:18-26
 - Contrast between Sinai and Zion
 - Two covenants (cf. Gal. 4:21-31)
 - “Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant” (12:24; cf. 9:1-28)
 - Who is “Him who is speaking”? (25)

Baker Commentary on the Bible

“In view of the connection of thought between verse 24 and 25 ..., it is reasonable to assume that Jesus is to be understood as the one who thundered his law at Sinai and who utters the promise of Haggai 2:6.”

Bible Knowledge Commentary

“Here no doubt the author thought of the Speaker as none other than the Originator of the New Covenant who now sits ‘at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven’ (1:3).”

YHWH's Commandments

- All of this points to Jesus as the Mediator of both the Old and New Covenants (cf. 1 Tim. 2:5)
 - OT God vs NT God???
 - Might this help us see Exodus 20 in a new light?

YHWH's Commandments

- “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.” (Ex. 20:11)

YHWH's Commandments

- “Jesus said to them, ‘The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.’” (Mark 7:27-28)
- Cf. Mark 7:1-13

YHWH's Commandments

- “but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.” (Ex. 20:6)
- “He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me” (John 14:21a; see 18-24)

So What?

- “Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.” (Deut. 31:6, cf. 8)

So What?

- “I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matt. 28:20)
- “He Himself has said, ‘I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU’” (Heb. 13:5b)

1 Pet. 1:8-9

“and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.”