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Exo 34:1-35:9 - God reminds the Israelites of all the rules...they are terrible at remembering, apparently; Moses glows

Ps 33:12-22 - "...our help and our shield"

Pro 9:1-6 - There is hope for simple in wisdom

Matt 27:15-31 - Jesus is sentenced

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Exodus 34:1-35:9

34 1 Then the LORD told Moses, "Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones. I will write on them the same words that were on the tablets you smashed. **2** Be ready in the morning to climb up Mount Sinai and present yourself to me on the top of the mountain. **3** No one else may come with you. In fact, no one is to appear anywhere on the mountain. Do not even let the flocks or herds graze near the mountain." **4** So Moses chiseled out two tablets of stone like the first ones. Early in the morning he climbed Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands. **5** Then the LORD came down in a cloud and stood there with him; and he called out his own name, Yahweh. **6** The LORD passed in front of Moses, calling out, "Yahweh! The LORD ! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness. **7** I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations. I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin. But I do not excuse the guilty. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children and grandchildren; the entire family is affected— even children in the third and fourth generations." **8** Moses immediately threw himself to the ground and worshiped. **9** And he said, "O Lord, if it is true that I have found favor with you, then please travel with us. Yes, this is a stubborn and rebellious people, but please forgive our iniquity and our sins. Claim us as your own special possession." **10** The LORD replied, "Listen, I am making a covenant with you in the presence of all your people. I will perform miracles that have never been performed anywhere in all the earth or in any nation. And all the people around you will see the power of the LORD — the awesome power I will display for you. **11** But listen carefully to everything I command you today. Then I will go ahead of you and drive out the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. **12** "Be very careful never to make a treaty with the people who live in the land where you are going. If you do, you will follow their evil ways and be trapped. **13** Instead, you must break down their pagan altars, smash their sacred pillars, and cut down their Asherah poles. **14** You must worship no other gods, for the LORD, whose very name is Jealous, is a God

who is jealous about his relationship with you. **15** “You must not make a treaty of any kind with the people living in the land. They lust after their gods, offering sacrifices to them. They will invite you to join them in their sacrificial meals, and you will go with them. **16** Then you will accept their daughters, who sacrifice to other gods, as wives for your sons. And they will seduce your sons to commit adultery against me by worshiping other gods. **17** You must not make any gods of molten metal for yourselves. **18** “You must celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread. For seven days the bread you eat must be made without yeast, just as I commanded you. Celebrate this festival annually at the appointed time in early spring, in the month of Abib, for that is the anniversary of your departure from Egypt. **19** “The firstborn of every animal belongs to me, including the firstborn males from your herds of cattle and your flocks of sheep and goats. **20** A firstborn donkey may be bought back from the LORD by presenting a lamb or young goat in its place. But if you do not buy it back, you must break its neck. However, you must buy back every firstborn son. “No one may appear before me without an offering. **21** “You have six days each week for your ordinary work, but on the seventh day you must stop working, even during the seasons of plowing and harvest. **22** “You must celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the first crop of the wheat harvest, and celebrate the Festival of the Final Harvest at the end of the harvest season. **23** Three times each year every man in Israel must appear before the Sovereign, the LORD, the God of Israel. **24** I will drive out the other nations ahead of you and expand your territory, so no one will covet and conquer your land while you appear before the LORD your God three times each year. **25** “You must not offer the blood of my sacrificial offerings together with any baked goods containing yeast. And none of the meat of the Passover sacrifice may be kept over until the next morning. **26** “As you harvest your crops, bring the very best of the first harvest to the house of the LORD your God. “You must not cook a young goat in its mother’s milk.” **27** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write down all these instructions, for they represent the terms of the covenant I am making with you and with Israel.” **28** Moses remained there on the mountain with the LORD forty days and forty nights. In all that time he ate no bread and drank no water. And the LORD wrote the terms of the covenant—the Ten Commandments—on the stone tablets. **29** When Moses came down Mount Sinai carrying the two stone tablets inscribed with the terms of the covenant, he wasn’t aware that his face had become radiant because he had spoken to the LORD. **30** So when Aaron and the people of Israel saw the radiance of Moses’ face, they were afraid to come near him. **31** But Moses called out to them and asked Aaron and all the leaders of the community to come over, and he talked with them. **32** Then all the people of Israel approached him, and Moses gave them all the instructions the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai. **33** When Moses finished speaking with them, he covered his face with a veil. **34** But whenever he went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with the LORD, he would remove the veil until he came out again. Then he would give

the people whatever instructions the LORD had given him, **35** and the people of Israel would see the radiant glow of his face. So he would put the veil over his face until he returned to speak with the LORD .

35 **1** Then Moses called together the whole community of Israel and told them, “These are the instructions the LORD has commanded you to follow. **2** You have six days each week for your ordinary work, but the seventh day must be a Sabbath day of complete rest, a holy day dedicated to the LORD . Anyone who works on that day must be put to death. **3** You must not even light a fire in any of your homes on the Sabbath.” **4** Then Moses said to the whole community of Israel, “This is what the LORD has commanded: **5** Take a sacred offering for the LORD . Let those with generous hearts present the following gifts to the LORD : gold, silver, and bronze; **6** blue, purple, and scarlet thread; fine linen and goat hair for cloth; **7** tanned ram skins and fine goatskin leather; acacia wood; **8** olive oil for the lamps; spices for the anointing oil and the fragrant incense; **9** onyx stones, and other gemstones to be set in the ephod and the priest’s chestpiece.

Psalm 33:12-22

33 **12** What joy for the nation whose God is the LORD, whose people he has chosen as his inheritance. **13** The LORD looks down from heaven and sees the whole human race. **14** From his throne he observes all who live on the earth. **15** He made their hearts, so he understands everything they do. **16** The best-equipped army cannot save a king, nor is great strength enough to save a warrior. **17** Don’t count on your warhorse to give you victory— for all its strength, it cannot save you. **18** But the LORD watches over those who fear him, those who rely on his unfailing love. **19** He rescues them from death and keeps them alive in times of famine. **20** We put our hope in the LORD . He is our help and our shield. **21** In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. **22** Let your unfailing love surround us, LORD, for our hope is in you alone.

Proverbs 9:1-6

9 **1** Wisdom has built her house; she has carved its seven columns. **2** She has prepared a great banquet, mixed the wines, and set the table. **3** She has sent her servants to invite everyone to come. She calls out from the heights overlooking the city. **4** “Come in with me,” she urges the simple. To those who lack good judgment, she says, **5** “Come, eat my food, and drink

the wine I have mixed. **6** Leave your simple ways behind, and begin to live; learn to use good judgment.”

Matthew 27:15-31

27 15 Now it was the governor’s custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner to the crowd—anyone they wanted. **16** This year there was a notorious prisoner, a man named Barabbas. **17** As the crowds gathered before Pilate’s house that morning, he asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you—Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” **18** (He knew very well that the religious leaders had arrested Jesus out of envy.) **19** Just then, as Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him this message: “Leave that innocent man alone. I suffered through a terrible nightmare about him last night.” **20** Meanwhile, the leading priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas to be released and for Jesus to be put to death. **21** So the governor asked again, “Which of these two do you want me to release to you?” The crowd shouted back, “Barabbas!” **22** Pilate responded, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” They shouted back, “Crucify him!” **23** “Why?” Pilate demanded. “What crime has he committed?” But the mob roared even louder, “Crucify him!” **24** Pilate saw that he wasn’t getting anywhere and that a riot was developing. So he sent for a bowl of water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood. The responsibility is yours!” **25** And all the people yelled back, “We will take responsibility for his death—we and our children!” **26** So Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified. **27** Some of the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into their headquarters and called out the entire regiment. **28** They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. **29** They wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head, and they placed a reed stick in his right hand as a scepter. Then they knelt before him in mockery and taunted, “Hail! King of the Jews!” **30** And they spit on him and grabbed the stick and struck him on the head with it. **31** When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified.