

## Chapter Five:

# *Lawgiver*

### *Meeting God in the Old Testament*

**Deuteronomy 5-6**

#### *More Scriptures*

**Exodus 19; Leviticus 19:1-4;  
Numbers 15:32-36; Psalm 19:7-14**

Once God rescues the Israelites from Egyptian bondage, His interest in them does not diminish. Instead, He elicits an agreement from them that they will be a people for His own possession. He then spends the next forty years

revealing a system of law to them

that will be their moral polestar for the next years. This giving of an ethical code is something that no god from any of Earth's mythologies ever bothered doing. Why is it significant, then, that the REAL God is a Lawgiver?

### *Questions: Deuteronomy 5-6*

1. What do we learn about God from Deuteronomy 5:6-10? Why is this important?
2. Do the commandments described in Deuteronomy 5:11-21 appear to have any purpose in mind? What is it? Why would God be interested in that purpose?
3. What appears to motivate the Israelite elders in Deuteronomy 5:22-29? Does God desire to create this motivation in them? Why?

#### *The Big Question*

**What does God's interest in giving laws to His people tell us about Him?**

4. In Deuteronomy 6:3, God tells the Israelites that it will be well with them if they obey Him. In what senses is this true?

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It's commonly said that the Old Law was designed to exact robot-like obedience from God's people. What does Deuteronomy 6:4-6 tell us about this belief? What, in turn, does that tell us about God?

Consider Deuteronomy 6:7-9, 20-25. What do these Scriptures tell us about God's interest in seeing children taught the Law? Why would God have this interest?

7. What does Deuteronomy 6:17-19 say about God's motivation in giving law to the children of Israel in the first place?

### ***Questions: Other Scriptures***

1. Describe the argument that God makes in Exodus 19:3-6. What connection does God see between redemption and possession?
2. What point does God want to impress on Israel in Exodus 19:21-23? Why is this significant?
3. What is God's message in Leviticus 19:1-4? What does this tell us about God's purpose in giving the Law?
4. Tell the story of Numbers 15:32-36. What do we learn about God from this Scripture?
5. Describe David's attitude toward the Law as he presents it in Psalm 19:7-14. What causes this attitude? What are the results of this attitude? Why would God want to create this attitude?

### ***Questions: Application***

1. Why is it important today to understand God as a Lawgiver?
2. How should our insight into this aspect of God's nature change our way of life?