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**"Four Reasons to Be Thankful"**

Exodus 24:1-18

Memory Verse: Hebrews 9:22

**Introduction**

**A. Chapter 24 Overview**

1. God calls his people into his presence
2. Reading of the Word
3. Response to the Word; confession of the people
4. Celebration of God's redemption
5. Fellowship with his people at the table
6. Manifestation of God's glory

**B. Big Idea:** God welcomes sinners into his presence through covenant grace.

**C.** In this passage we see four reasons to be thankful.

**I. God Calls His People into His Presence Who Are Far Away (24:1-2)**

- A. Romans 3:10, 23
- B. Exodus 20:18-19
- C. We all need a mediator.
- D. 1 Timothy 2:5; John 14:6
- E. Ephesians 2:11-13

**II. God Gives His Word to His People (24:3-4a)**

- A. Romans 3:18
- B. No Fear—in the world or in the church.
- C. What's your attitude toward the Word of God?
- D. If Christ is Lord of your life, then his Word will be Lord of your conscience. If the Word of God is not Lord of your conscience, then the Son of God is not the Lord of your life.

**III. God Provides Salvation for His People through Sacrifice (24:4b-8)**

- A. Exodus 20:24-26
- B. You can have an altar without a tabernacle, but you cannot have a tabernacle without an altar.
- C. The worship of God requires a sacrifice.
- D. Burnt offerings (Leviticus 1)
- E. Peace offerings (Leviticus 3)
- F. Hebrews 9:22
- G. Galatians 3:10
- H. Deuteronomy 27:26
- I. James 2:10
- J. John 1:29
- K. Ephesians 1:7
- L. 1 Corinthians 11:25
- M. Romans 10:13

#### IV. God Grants Communion to His People (24:9–18)

- A. They ate and drank in the presence of God. (Revelation 19:6-10)
- B. One day we will be with God. (Revelation 21:1-8)

#### Conclusion

- A. Are you thankful?
- B. Are you thankful to God?
- C. We have four reasons to be thankful to God in this passage of Scripture.
  - 1. God calls his people into his presence who are far away from him.
  - 2. God gives his Word to his people.
  - 3. God provides salvation for his people through sacrifice.
  - 4. God grants communion to his people.
- D. The Gospel Definition