

## **Sermon Notes – Exodus 24 The Beginning of the Bible**

**Question:** Can you follow Jesus Christ without a Bible?

**Answer:** Yes, without a doubt.

What does it mean to be a Christian? It means to follow Jesus.

*You don't have to have a book  
when you can simply follow the person.*

### **Read Hebrews 8:9-11 – God Writes on the Heart**

But God wants to return to the original plan – Follow Him.

### **Read Exodus 24:1-4a – The Beginning of the Bible**

This is where we think the Bible started. Nobody thinks Adam and Eve wrote anything down. Nobody thinks Noah wrote anything down. Nobody thinks Abraham wrote anything down.

Tradition says that Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible. Honestly, we don't know for sure.

The Israelites had been wandering around in the desert for 40 years after God released them from slavery in Egypt. God had tried to get them used to trusting Him. God wanted them to make a life of following Him.

It didn't work out too well. People simply don't want to follow God. People don't want to bless others. People want to be blessed. People want God to follow them.

So we see in Exodus 24, since the people don't want to follow God, God comes to them, and He gives them some written instructions.

*The response, "Everything the LORD has said, we will do."*

### **Read Exodus 24:4b-7 – The Ceremony**

So Moses decided to make their commitment formal. Instead of accepting a "Yes, we will." Moses makes a formal ceremony.

He sets up a stage – 12 stone pillars representing 12 tribes.

He sets up a drama – young bulls are slaughtered and burnt.

He sets up some tension – blood is sprinkled all over the stage.

And on this stage, with this drama, and a blood promise, the people say once again:

*We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey.*

It still wasn't enough for Moses. Moses had spent his whole adult life with these people. I don't think he believed them.

### **Read Exodus 24:8 – Moses Sprinkles the People with Blood**

Blood becomes a primary theme for the whole book. The trail of blood leads us to Jesus.

The beginning of the Bible begins with this binding agreement:

*Those who follow God will do what He says.  
As promised an oath of blood.*

### **Conclusion**

You are Abraham, a follower of God, a blesser of the nations.

The Bible is a dynamic, passionate, rich, God inspired book that tells of following of God. It documents the follower's mistakes, faithfulness, doubts, lives, and deaths.

It is a great place to start and must be read with faith and with a relationship with God as He speaks daily into your life.