

- 1) What is on the mind of any young man as he goes to propose to the one he loves? What is on the mind of any new bride-to-be in the time between that moment and the big day?
- 2) Read Exodus 19:1-6. Recall how Pastor Marcus observed that verses 5-6 are the Mosaic promise. As the Lord did with Adam¹, with Noah² and with Abram³ in days past, there is a promise leading to a covenant, the covenant itself and then the sign of the covenant. What do you suppose is the covenant God makes with Moses? What do you suppose the sign is? What are the promise, covenant and sign God makes with us?
- 3) Read Exodus 19:5-6 again. What is to be Israel's special status? What is to be her special role? What is to be her special honour?
- 4) What is a heritage? Is it important to you to have a heritage? How does a heritage differ from an inheritance? Read Psalm 127:3. What kind of heritage do you think God seeks? How does the idea of heritage fit with the ideas of engagement and covenant?
- 5) Read Ephesians 5:25-32. Is it that God's relationship with His people reflects marriage, or is it that marriage reflects God's relationship with His people? What is the difference? Why is that difference important?
- 6) Read Revelation 19:6-9. Who does God 'marry'? What was the bride's role to this point? What are 'righteous deeds' of verse 8, and how do they relate to us?
- 7) What other Scripture can you think of to support the idea of God's 'engagement' with His people? How do those Scriptures enrich and inform the ideas given to us in Exodus 19:5-6?

¹ The promise to Adam is Genesis 1:28a. The covenant itself is 1:28b-30, and the sign is 2:16-17.

² The promise to Noah is Genesis 9:1-7. The covenant itself is 9:8-11, and the sign is 9:12-17.

³ The promise to Abram is Genesis 12:1-3. The covenant itself is Genesis 15, and the sign is Genesis 17.