

# COVENANT REQUIREMENTS

**Exodus 34:10–28**

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

**Exodus 34:27**

MEMORY VERSE

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.” **Exodus 34:27**

Our lives are filled with many things that have requirements attached to them. We are required to pay the utility bill. Our vehicles require fuel and regular maintenance. Our teenagers are required to do homework, be at ball practice, or attend rehearsal. Even computer programs have minimum system requirements.

Read Exodus 34:10–28. The requirements of the Old Testament covenant may seem strict and even strange to modern readers, but God’s requirements were based on His standard of holiness. For example, the prohibition

against cooking a young goat in its mother’s milk actually prohibited the following of a pagan religious practice.

Today, God still has a standard for holiness. As Christians, we are expected to live a life set apart from the world. Our lives should reflect God’s holiness and love. Our relationships with Christians and non-Christians alike should reflect God’s standards of holiness.

This week, examine yourself to see how well you are following God’s requirement to live a holy life.

## FAMILY DEVOTIONAL TIME

### Connect . . .

First, the family discusses the following questions: **What are some of the requirements placed on us as family members? What are the consequences of not meeting these expectations?**

### Explore . . .

First, the family takes turns reading Exodus 34:10–28: Then, a family member reads: **Just like each family member has expectations and requirements, God has expectations and requirements, too. In this passage, God was very specific about His requirements of the Israelites. He gave these requirements because the Israelites were to be set apart from other nations. They were to be a holy nation. God requires us to be holy as well.**

The family discusses: **What are some ways for us to be set apart or holy in today’s world?**

### Transform . . .

First, a family member reads Mark 12:29–31. Then, the family takes a few moments to identify areas in their lives in which they can love God more with their heart, soul, mind, and strength. Then, starting with the youngest person in the room, every other family member identifies at least one reason why they love that person. The family repeats this process for every other family member, youngest to oldest.

*Close in prayer, asking God to help you love Him and others better.*