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## CHOSEN NOT FROZEN

EXODUS 19.1-6, 1 PETER 2.9-12

After three months of traveling, the Hebrew people finally arrive at the mountain of God.

God has upheld his end of the covenant he first made with Abraham (Genesis 12.1-3) and, through Moses, God explains the Israelites' part of the covenant.

*“Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”*

Exodus 19.5-6

Treasured Possession

Kingdom of Priests

Holy Nation

About 30 years after Jesus' death, Peter writes an encouraging letter to the churches in Asia who are going through a period of suffering and persecution. He picks up the theme of Exodus 19.

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*

1 Peter 2.9-12

**As followers of Jesus in the middle of a pandemic, how do we live out our faith?**

We are Chosen not Frozen

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**What is God saying to me?**

**What am I going to do about it?**