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I am the Lord your God

Exodus 19:5-6 The introduction of Torah to the Children of Israel.

Exodus 19:7-8 The leaders of the Children of Israel accept the Torah by faith.

Standing at the foot of Mt. Sinai 3500 years ago, 6 million people, including the entire body of the Children of Israel, as well as the "mixed multitude" who joined with their God and left the Land of Egypt, said these words as if they were a single person: **Exodus 19:8 (Heb)** *kol asher dibber Adonai na'aseh*

The Torah was accepted by faith, so those responding God's wishes aren't "under the law" but free to obey God as an act of faith and obedience.

Genesis 15:16 Abram believed the LORD, and He credited it to him as righteousness.

Psalms 106:30-31 David's commentary on Pinchas is also commentary on Abraham.

Romans 4:20-22 Paul's commentary on Abraham and faith.

Accepting God as God requires an act of faith, not an agreement to a stated list of conditions and requirements.

Exodus 19:16 The Third Day.

Exodus 20:2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Exodus 20:2 (Heb) *anokhi Adonai eloheykha asher hotzeitikha ma'aretz mitzrayim mibeit avadim*

What does this really mean, or does it mean more than one thing?

1. I am God, the God of the Universe, who created everything and rules everything.
2. I am God, who has the right to rule over your life, whether you believe I exist or not, because I created you.
3. I am YOUR God, because I chose you to be my treasured splendid people (but look who were there...not just Jewish people).

Mark 12:28-34 The two greatest commandments with **Mark 12:29** being the single most important thing God says and the most important portion of Torah we must embrace.

The Jewish people were and are the chosen of God. The mixed multitude and we Gentile believers are grafted into that choosing when we accept Him, just as they accepted Him at Mt. Sinai. In that sense, the Mt. Sinai experience of the Jews and the "salvation" experience of Gentiles accepting Yeshua (Jesus) is the same act.

Romans 7:7 The purpose of the "law" (Torah) in a nutshell.

Proverbs 3:1-2 Do not forget My Torah.

2 Timothy 3:16 God-breathed.

John 10:14-18 The spirit of the Torah: One God, One Shepherd, One Voice, One flock.

Additional Reading: <http://shema-yisrael.org/blogspot/2009/07/i-am-the-lord-your-god/>