

Lesson 10 The Covenant *and the* Blueprint

MEMORY: Exod 24:3 So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words which the LORD has said we will do.”

- Our God/ Creator / Redeemer / Lord = desires to be w/His ppl
 - To dwell in our midst
- Created us to be= in close fellowship w/Him
- Any Meaningful relationship = built only w/ time/ effort
- Practical terms = (1) Studying His Word =God speaking to us;
 (2) praying = opening our hearts to God; and
 (3) witnessing to others about Christ’s death/resurrection/ return =
 engaging in God’s mission

Hebrew 12:2 = focus eyes on Jesus = Author/Finisher of our Faith

- Connect w/ Him = by being filled w/Spirit
 - **Phil 2:13** God empowers us to follow His teachings

Revelation 14:12 describes God’s end-time people “those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus”

- Obedience = motivated by love
 - pathway to God’s covenant blessings
- God blesses us /we become/ channel of blessings to others .

SUNDAY The Book and the Blood

- God spoke 10 words/promises = 10 Command. = to whole nation
- Ppl trembled / afraid to hear God again/asked Moses = spokesperson
- Moses goes up mountain – God gives **CIVIL/SOCIAL/CEREMONIAL LAWS** to Moses alone = proposed constitution /new nation of Israel

Exodus 24:1–8 ³So Moses came and **told** the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one

voice and said, “All the words which the LORD has said we will do.” ⁴And **Moses wrote all the words of the LORD.** And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

Exodus 24:7 Then he took **the Book of the Covenant** and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient.”

- Moses repeats God’s words to ppl= they accept this body of law
- Moses writes on animal skin / parchment—his own handwriting—document called = **Book of the Covenant** = including in this constitution = Lord’s spoken words of Ten Commandments;
- **Ten Commandments = heart of covenant =**
 - C/S/C laws codified **God’s principles /love = Code of Covenant**
- Moses reads = **Book of the Covenant** to Hebrews
 - again agree to His form of government;
- Moses **ratifies** covenant constitution /terms of *Book of the Covenant* historically referred to as = Old Covenant (synonymous)

Exodus 24:6 Moses put half blood of sacrifice basins/ half altar

Exodus 24:8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, “This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words.”

Hebrews 9:18–20 ¹⁸Therefore not even the first [former/Old = not first issued = everlasting covenant of RBF] covenant was dedicated without blood. ¹⁹For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰saying, “This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you.”

- Deuteronomy = God expands terms = afterward known as
 - Book of Law or Book of Covenant = placed / pocket outside ark
- Deuteronomy 31:26** “Take this Book of the Law, and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there as a witness against you; [included blessings / also curses]

ABSG QUOTE: Living God of the Bible = God of relationships.

- Important element for our Lord = not thing /agenda but = person
- God pays close attention to people
- Primary purpose of His activities build = personal relationship w/humans. God who “is love” cares about relationships
 - for how can there be love without relationships?
- **John 12:32** Jesus: “ ‘And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself’ ”
- God is interested **not only** in our ethical behavior/ right doctrine / or set of proper actions,
 - but, above all = in **personal, intimate relationship** w/us.
- Both creation institutions = about **relationship**:
 - Sabbath = vertical relationship w/God
 - Marriage = horizontal relationship between man/woman
- Ratification of covenant at Sinai = meant to reinforce special relationship = God wanted to have w/ His people.
- In ceremony = people twice shouted = they would obey God in everything that He required. **“All that the Lord has said we will do,”**
- Meant it = but did not know their brokenness/ fragility/lack of power. Blood sprinkled on / book of covenant = indicating only by Christ’s merits was Israel = able to follow God’s instructions.
- We do not want to accept /our human nature = fragile/weak/ sinful.
- We have = inherent tendency toward evil.
- To be able to do good, we must have help from outside ourselves.
- This help comes only from above, **from = power of God’s grace**
 - **His Word, and the Holy Spirit.**

- Even w/all this at our disposal = evil still comes so easily to us,
- That's why = close personal relationship w/God was as essential to people then –at Sinai-- as it is to us today.

"Everything the LORD has said we will do" (*Exod. 24:3, NIV*).

How many times have you said the same thing, only to fail?

- **What is the only solution?**
- **Power of God's grace / Word / Holy Spirit**