

OLD AND NEW COVENANTS

1. WHEN YOU READ YOUR BIBLE.

- a) **You need to have FAITH.**
- b) **I-nformation** from the word of God
- c) **M-editation** upon the teaching
- d) **R-evelation** by the power of the Spirit
- e) **A-pplication** of the revelation
- f) **T-ransformation** when applied.
- g) **Read your Bible not like Luke 24:27** – foolish ones and **slow of heart!**
 - i. **Looking for sin, so that I can know God's ways.**
 - ii. **Christ centred way so that I can feel safe - Job 10**
 - iii. **Working out your salvation so I will be rewarded.**

2. Hebrew 8 (10) For this is **the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts**

- a) **What is a covenant?**
- b) A promise with an **oath**.
- c) **In the bible we find an oath is the same as covenant.**
- d) It involved a blood sacrifice.
- e) **There are 3 types of covenants:**
 - i. **L-aw covenants of obligation to a senior**, - A Higher authority demands from his subordinate "You must..." **Exodus 20-Numbers 10 + Deut.**
 - ii. **E-quality Covenants** - two-way covenants between equals. We do not relate to God by this covenant - **marriage**.
 - iii. **G-enerosity covenants** - A Higher authority **towards a junior**, says "I will..." (Abraham, Noah, David, etc. and Christians)
 - iv. Jesus talks about **MY** covenant.
 - v. **Luk 22:20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."**
- f) One of those nations Israel, were chosen to express the character of God - A Holy Nation.
 - i. God made a covenant of Law with them to help them to live a Holy life.
 - ii. To be different than the pagans.
 - iii. What is time?

3. SHADOWS

- a) **Many rituals and habits and people.**
 - i. Noah was protected in the ark.
 - ii. Joseph saved Israel.
 - iii. David rescued Israel.
 - iv. Prophets.
 - v. **SAGE = Suffering – Authority - God – Endurance** (wise through reflection and experience)

b) **Old Covenant laws** are a shadow of the things to come.

- i. **Hebrews 8:5**; They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things.
- ii. **Hebrews 9:24**, For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself,
- iii. **Hebrews 10:1**; For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come...
- iv. **Col 2: 16-17** Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. **Mark 7**
- v. The High Priest function and his clothing – The clean and unclean animals. **The Sacrifices.**

c) **The whole burnt offering points to Jesus as our righteousness. = Rom 12:1**

- i. Romans 1:17; “**The righteous shall live by faith.**”
- ii. Romans 3:21; **But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law**, -Jesus showed us what the righteousness of God is like.
- iii. Rom 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present **your bodies as a living sacrifice**, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. **We do it in His name. In faith.**

d) **Meal offering always** followed animal sacrifice.

- i. The grain offering is a sacrifice that involved many labours. **Jesus works - Work of our hands.**
- ii. **It is his works that make our works acceptable. We do it in His name. In faith.**
- iii. **Jesus’ work for God was 'choice flour', the very best. We do it in His name. In faith.**
- iv. **Jesus’ work for God was full of oil and frankincense. Holy Spirit and prayerfulness. We do the same. In faith.**
- v. **Jesus’ work of sacrifice on the cross was 'a pleasing odour. We do the same. In faith.**

e) **Fellowship /peace offering. Leviticus 3:1-16 and 7:31-35**

- i. It is celebrating our peace with God. Because of a substitutionary atonement we may know that we are reconciled to God
- ii. God is not reluctant to be our friend.
- iii. You took the best bits (the fat) to God, and you burnt these choice portions.
- iv. Then you called your friends to feast on the one who had died for your sins.
- v. Someone has carried out guilt away.
- vi. God is celebrating also.
- vii. The priests represent the Lord Jesus Christ. God is pleased to forgive.
- viii. This sacrifice was entirely voluntary.

f) **Sin offering**

- i. The main point here is the blood of Christ is necessary for the restoration of fellowship after a believer has sinned.
- ii. The sin-offering speaks of the sin-bearing work of Christ.

g) **Restitution offering- extra.**

- i. The restitution-offering reminds us of the way in which sin does damage others.
- ii. The sinner must add a fifth to it.

h) Summary.

- i. **The whole burnt offering point to Christ's righteousness which is reckoned as ours.**
- ii. The meal offering refers to the many works of righteousness which in Christ makes our works of righteousness acceptable to God.
- iii. The peace offering points to the celebration we have with others when our sins are forgiven.
- iv. The sin-offering foreshadows the way in which Christ carried our sins in his body on the tree.
- v. The restitution-offering reminds us of the way in which sin does damage.
- vi. The Day of Atonement – once a year.

4. FREEDOM AND SECURITY AND JOY

- a) **John 10:28** I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ...**Do you believe this?**
- b) **Gal 5:1** For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. **What freedom?**
 - i. It is freedom from guilt.
 - ii. It is freedom from the dominion of the kingdom of darkness.
 - iii. It is freedom from the complexity of the Mosaic law.
 - iv. It is freedom of your unsaved conscience with rules.
 - v. **Romans 2:15.** They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness,
 - vi. No doubt all men and women have a conscience (although the Bible does not use the word 'law' in this connection because 'law' refers to Sinai).
- c) **Gal 5:18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. **Do you believe this?**
 - i. Then walk in bold confidence that God will never condemn you eternally.
 - ii. **AND** look to the Holy Spirit for daily guidance.
- d) **Rom 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (2) For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.
- e) **Hebrew 8 (12)** For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more." ...
- f) **Hebrew 8 (13)** In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away...
- g) If you live by the Spirit deliberately you fulfil the Law accidentally and you will out do your laws inherited from your unsaved mind. ...**Do you believe this?**