

A Covenant of the Heart

**The Internal Perspective of our
Eternal Creator...**

Friday Continued

Questions/Things to think about:

Who is this deal between?

What are the components of this “New Covenant”- What about the priests, the temple, where is this covenant written?

What about blood atonement, did God forget about that? Who makes it now?

How long does this atonement last?

What do you have to do to be covered under this atonement?

Is something happening to us (or supposed to be)? (2 Corinthians passage)

Friday

A covenant of the heart...

Memory Verse:

Matthew 23:25-26-Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside will be clean.

Scripture Reading: (read scriptures above and below to get your bearing or gain context if you need to)

Matthew 26:28-institution of the "New" Covenant

Mark 14:24-same event, Mark's version

Luke 22:20-same event, Luke's version

Hebrews 8-9:15-description of this "New" covenant

2 Corinthians 3-more description, explanation

(I know this is a lot...just scan it if you can't get it all in...get the gist if nothing else)

Monday

Row, Row, Row your boat....

Memory Verse: (unrelated to this week's study, but it is the Camp Verse, so let's start with it)

Psalm 37:5-6-Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Scripture Reading:

None assigned....put down the book now and PADDLE YOUR CANOE!!!...or we're never going to get there...:P
Actually, if you have time, start Wednesday's reading, it is a lot!

Tuesday

....gently down the stream... (we're going to get there today...I promise)

Memory Verse: (unrelated to this week's study, but somewhat relevant to today I think)

Isaiah 33:21-22- But there the majestic One, the LORD, will be for us a place of rivers and wide canals On which no boat with oars will go, And on which no mighty ship will pass. For the LORD is our judge, The LORD is our lawgiver, The LORD is our king; He will save us.

Scripture Reading:

Once we are on the island and you are settled, do some of the reading for Wed-Fri if you have the chance.

Thursday Continued

Does this really sound like something new may be in store?

Who is this "new" agreement going to be with?

What is going to be different about it? What differences to you see in this deal from one previously given? Is it going to be like the other one?

Notice any changes in the components of this deal? Is there still going to need to be a mediator?

So God is done with Israel now, right?

Matthew 5, so he's kidding, right? Why did He (Jesus) have to take a hard thing and make it harder??

Thursday

A foretelling of things to come...and a
“Catch-22”

Memory Verse:

Jeremiah 31:33-This is the covenant I will make with Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God.

Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 31:31-37

Ezekiel 36:25-28

Malachi 3:1-4

The Matthew 5 “catch-22”: Read Matthew 5 if you have time...if you don't that's fine, because I'm going to discuss it some today.

Questions/Things to think about:

What is the literary genre of the passages in Jeremiah Ezekiel, and Malachi?

Wednesday

The coming of the Mosaic Covenant...

To keep in mind: We're backtracking here for historical perspective, and I know this is tough reading, and you may not understand the point right now...but, we're working toward something. It is great history for you, and besides...you still get memorization points!

Memory Verse:

Exodus 3:7-8 (having you memorize the end of verse 8 may be an abuse of power, and isn't that relevant to our study, but the thought of it makes me smile...P)

The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey-the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites...”

Wednesday Continued

NOTE-Bonus Verses this week can come from the Scripture Reading passages...but, there is a two verse minimum to qualify as a bonus....so what you really need is to find a passage to commit to memory. Remember, this isn't mainly about winning; rather it is about your Spiritual Formation.

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 3:7-8-the *initiation* of the Mosaic Covenant

Exodus 19:3-6-the *condition* of the Mosaic Covenant

Exodus 20:1-21-the *content* of the Mosaic Covenant (yep, you guessed it...the Ten Commandments)

Exodus 24:3-8-the Mosaic Covenant *confirmed*

Exodus 31:12-18-the *sign* of the Mosaic Covenant

Leviticus 1-this book is more content of the Mosaic Covenant and gets into the Mosaic Law portion of it. Hey, I just want you to get a snippet of the Law, just so you'll get a taste of the nature of it... in case you never have.

Wednesday Continued

Questions/Things to think about:

What is your overall impression of this covenant?

Give me some of your observations about it...what is its nature?

What are the components of this covenant? Who is it with, what is required?

Did they successfully keep their end of the deal?

Did God make a mistake with this covenant? Did He think they would keep it and was wrong?