

Study Guide

Series: Covenant Keepers

Message: God's Purpose for Covenant Relationship

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Scripture: Matthew 26.26-28



Objective: to teach the purpose of Christ's coming which was to establish God's new covenant with humanity through Him.

1. _____ is a Covenant: A covenant is an **agreement** that **binds** two or more parties together and **obligates** them to *fulfill the terms* of the covenant.
- **In biblical times**, when tribes entered into a covenant, they would unite their strengths and pledged to **promote, protect, and prosper** each other, so **both** could flourish. **Covenants Entail:** (1) terms, (2) sacrifice, (3) sign, (4) meal-mutual union

Reflection: In a covenant, both sides commit - what does your side of the covenant with God look like right now?

2. _____ Covenant: **God's core idea** of covenant is that He **desires** to be our God and for us to be **His people** in a **committed** relationship. Reference: 2 Corinthians 6.16
- God's covenant **reveals** His desire to be **known, bless** us, and **walk** with us in a relationship marked by mutual commitment and faithfulness. Reference: Study of Abraham's Covenant - Genesis 17.1-2 (NIV)
- a) It's by _____: v1. When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, 'I am God Almighty, walk before me faithfully and be blameless. v.2. Then **I will make my covenant** between me and you. And will greatly increase your numbers. God chooses to **initiate** the covenant from His own desire for a relationship built on commitment and mutual faithfulness. Reference: Ephesians 1.5
- b) It's _____: v.2a. Then I will make my covenant **between me and you** and will greatly increase your numbers. God forms covenant relationship because its personal, sacred, and binding. It's His way of expressing to us, 'I choose you, and I'm in this with you - fully, faithfully, and forever.'
- c) It's _____: v.2b. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will **greatly increase your numbers**. Reference: Deuteronomy 7.9
- Because God's covenant is personal and relational, its blessings aren't just for you - they extend to your children and generations to come.

Reflection: How does God desiring a close, faithful relationship with you through His covenant change the way you live and relate to Him?

3. _____ Covenant: Genesis 2.16-17

- a) **Command:** v16. And Lord God **commanded** the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may **freely eat**; v17a. ‘but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you **shall not eat**,
- b) **Consequences:** v17b. ‘for in the day that you eat of it you shall **surely die.**’ **Study: Universal Sin – Romans 5.12**

Reflection: How does this concept of sin entering the world through one person (Adam) impact your understanding of human nature, suffering, death, and the need for redemption?

4. _____ Covenant: Exodus 24.6-8.

- a) **Covenant:** v6. And Moses took half the **blood** and put it in **basins**, and half the **blood** he sprinkled on the **altar**. v7a. Then he took the **Book of the Covenant** and read in the hearing of the people.

Blood sprinkled on the altar (His presence) symbolizes atonement for sin and that God accepts the sacrifice and He is willing to enter into a covenant with the people. (Leviticus 17.11)

Book of the Covenant lays out the mutual responsibilities between God and His people, showing how God would be their God and how they were to live as His people, faithfully honoring and upholding His covenant with them.

- b) _____: v7b. And they said, “All that the Lord has said **we will do and be obedient - Amen.**”
- c) **Commitment:** v8. “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.”

Blood sprinkled on the people symbolizes their commitment to obey and live for Him. The people set apart and bound to God by covenant.

The **blood sprinkled on the altar** and the **people sealed** the covenant between God and His people, showing that it was a serious, life-binding commitment - even unto death.

Reflection: When you hear the covenant taught, are you simply **informed** with knowledge, or does it **inspire** your heart to obey and walk faithfully with God?