



Sunday, January 12, 2020

Living under The Right Covenant

Matthew 26:28 - for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.

The subject of tonight will be engraved on the terms **covenant**, guarantee, and mediator which are all used in the Bible to describe the relationship between God and man established by covenant.

Different covenants in the Bible

1. NOAHIC COVENANT - A Covenant of Protection from Destruction

Genesis 6: 17-18 Look! I am about to cover the earth with a flood that will destroy every living thing that breathes. Everything on earth will die. But I will confirm my covenant with you. **So enter the boat** - you and your wife and your sons and their wives.

*"Unless you enter into the right **BOAT**, you will perish when the flood comes."*

2. THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT - A Covenant of Inheritance

Genesis 12: 1-2 The Lord had said to Abram, "**Leave** your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others.

*"Unless you leave what we call {**familiarity**}, and you will not become what God intended you to be."*

3. THE MOSAIC COVENANT - A Covenant of obedient to God's law

Exodus 19: 5 - Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and **keep** my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine;

*"Unless you **keep** God's commandment, you cannot become a treasured possession among all people."*



4. THE DAVIDIC COVENANT - A Covenant of Kingdom establishment

2 Chronicles 6:16 - Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk in my law as you have walked before

*"Unless you **walk** in God's commands, your establishment will not last"*

Question: How do you know that you are under a right Right Covenant?

5. THE NEW TESTAMENT (NEW COVENANT) - A Covenant of forgiveness of sin and restoration of fellowship

Hebrews 8: 6-12 - But now Jesus, our High Priest, has been given a ministry that is far superior to the old priesthood, for he is the one who mediates for us a far better covenant with God, based on better promises. If the first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need for a second covenant to replace it. But when God found fault with the people, he said: "The day is coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt. They did not remain faithful to my covenant, so I turned my back on them, says the Lord. But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that day, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. And they will not need to teach their neighbours, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, 'You should know the Lord.' For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already. And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins." When God speaks of a "new" covenant, it means he has made the first one obsolete. It is now out of date and will soon disappear.

1. The Right covenant refers Christ as the true and only Mediator

***Verse 6** - But now Jesus, our High Priest, has been given a ministry that is far superior to the old priesthood, for he is the one who mediates for us a far better covenant with God, based on better promises.*

2. The Right covenant is complete and perfect covenant

***Verse 7:** If the first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need for a second covenant to replace it. But when God found fault with the people, he said: “The day is coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah.*

3. The Right covenant is permanent covenant

***Verse 9** - This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt. They did not remain faithful to my covenant, so I turned my back on them, says the Lord.*

4. The Right covenant is possible by faith - anyone who believed in Jesus

***Verse 10** - But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that day, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. And they will not need to teach their neighbours, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, ‘You should know the Lord.’ For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already.*

5. The Right covenant applies the remission of sin - Verse 12 - I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins.”

6. The Right covenant focusses on Christ, the Mediator between God and

Humankind Verse 13 - *When God speaks of a “new” covenant, it means he has made the first one obsolete. It is now out of date and will soon disappear.*

Let It Rain

*If this is your power,
If this is your glory,
If this is your presence,
Then let it rain.*

*Let it rain all over, let it rain all over me
Let it rain all over, let it rain all over me
Let it rain all over, let it rain all over me*

*Break me, mould me, fill me, use me
Break me, mould me, fill me, use me
Use me for your glory, Use me for your power
Break me, mould me, fill me, use me
Let it rain, Let it rain on me*