

## “For They Shall All Know Me”

### Developing a New Covenant Relationship with God

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## Lesson 2. I will be their God

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# Texas is my state



## Iz └ Introduction

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1. I, like most Texans, am proud where I come from.
  2. Texans are taught that their state is simply better than any other state (or country).
  3. God wants us to think that way about Him – that He is simply better.
  4. He is the only one that deserves our loyalty.
  5. He wants His team to be the only team we play for.

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Jeremiah 31:31-34

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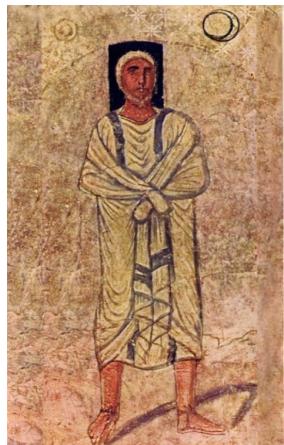
1. In our class we're trying to establish, from the Bible, the idea that God wants a relationship with people.
  2. We're using Jeremiah 31:31-34 as a means of focusing that study.
  3. Jeremiah 31:31-34 is one of the most important passages in the Bible, because it provides a connection between the old covenant and the new covenant, and talks about the close, special relationship that God's chosen people have with Him. Under the old covenant, those people were the Israelites. Under the New Covenant, those special people are all Christians.
  4. *Read it*
  5. Today we'll be talking about how God wants to be the only God in our lives.

## Goals

- Consider who God is, and consider how He is similar and different from man.
- Explore the different ways God has revealed himself to man.
- Think about ways to improve my perspective on who God is.

## I will be your God

Gen 17:1-8



"And I will give you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and **I will be their God.**" – Genesis 17:8

## 'I will be their God' through the Bible

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Gen. 17:8, Jer. 24:7, Jer. 31:33  
 Jer. 32:36, Jer. 32:38, Ez. 11:20  
 Ez. 37:15, Ez. 37:23, Ez. 37:27  
 Zech. 8:8, 2 Cor. 6:16, Heb. 8:10

### 'I will be your God'

Ex. 6:7, Jer. 7:23, Jer. 11:4  
 Jer. 30:2, Ez. 36:28

### 'the Lord your God'

Old Testament (395)	Psalm (2)
Genesis (1)	Isaiah (9)
Exodus (16)	Jeremiah (13)
Leviticus (24)	Ezekiel (4)
Numbers (3)	Hosea (3)
Deuteronomy (241)	Joel (7)
Joshua (27)	Amos (1)
Judges (2)	Micah (1)
1 Samuel (8)	Zephaniah (1)
2 Samuel (5)	Zechariah (1)
1 Kings (7)	New Testament (7)
2 Kings (3)	Matthew (3)
1 Chronicles (7)	Mark (1)
2 Chronicles (7)	Luke (3)

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1. Examine why God is worthy of our loyalty.
2. Examine how we learn about God's greatness.
3. Considering how we can increase our devotion to God.

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1. God recounts his 3-fold promise to Abraham: land, nation, seed (if you count "kings shall come from you")
2. Part or all of these promises are repeated at various times in Abraham's life (Gen 12, 13, 15, 17, 22)
3. The first occurrence of the phrase 'I will be their God' is in God's promise to Abraham.
4. Fresco pictured here is one of the earliest depictions of a Bible narrative. It depicts Abraham and God's promises to Him. It is from the Dura-Europos synagogue 244 AD 70% of the city has been destroyed during the Syrian civil war.
5. When does God mean when he says 'I will be their God'? *Abraham had many 'gods' to choose from, but God wanted Abraham to love only Him.*
6. vs.1-2 Because God is mighty, he had to put a condition on His covenant with Abraham – be blameless.

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1. Last week, 'your God', given to the Israelites as part of the Law of Moses (Ex. 6:1-9, Lev. 22:31-33).
2. Clearly God thinks it's important that we view Him as the only God.
3. It's not just that His people accept Him as the 'true' God. But as 'their' God



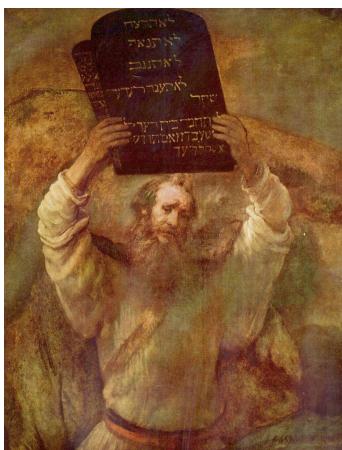
## Eternity is set in the heart of man

Ecclesiastes 3:11



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Hebrews 1:1-2



Today, God speaks to us in His Son, Jesus

Today, Oct 1



6-03 Eternity is set in the heart of man



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- God has always made Himself known to man
  - What does the passage mean? *Man innately understands the possibility that something could exist beyond his own world.*
  - However God may have chosen to speak to us, He was always going to leverage that part of our being that understands there's something more to life.
  - Romans 1 – Creation speaks to an ‘un-caused cause’, which should lead us to consider God.

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1. The Israelites would have viewed Moses as the greatest prophet, the giver of God's Law.
  2. Prophets would also include all those people we normally think of as prophets, whose main purpose was to plead for Israel to repent from wickedness.
  3. The author leaves out the patriarchs. But, remember, he's just trying to make a point.
  4. What's tough about learning from prophets? *People don't have access to prophets all the time. And, prophets just 'tell' you what perfect faithfulness looks like. They can't 'show' you what perfect faithfulness looks like.*
  5. Painting:Rembrandt

└ Today, God speaks to us in His Son, Jesus



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1. Speak means much more than simply teaching.
  2. Jesus' life itself was God showing us how to live righteous.
  3. God was under no obligation to do this. He loved us.
  4. But, even with Jesus, you only had direct access to his life if you lived in 1st century Palestine.
  5. The fresco pictured is also from Dura-Europos (225AD), but a church instead of a synagogue. It pictures Jesus healing the paralytic. It's the earliest known depiction of Jesus. In general, early Christians did not make images of Jesus.

...And by extension His Word

Hebrews 1:1-2



God gives you moral anchor

Luke 4:1-13



- ▶ Jesus used God as His basis for refuting Satan
  - ▶ There is no objective morality without a God-provided standard

**Love toward God is the foundation of eternal life**

Luke 10:25-27



- ▶ The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing. – *Steven Covey*
  - ▶ Sometimes we don't remember what giving all of ourselves looks like.

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1. God has always shown Himself to man, but never more easily and more clearly than today
  2. The Bible doesn't change through time.
  3. The Bible is easily available for most people.
  4. God makes himself 'our God' when we read His word, understand it, and believe it

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Luke 5:1-12



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1. When God is 'our' God, He sets the rules.
  2. Jesus did not just quote any old verses from the Old Testament.
  3. Every rebuttal was predicated on a respect for the greatness and authority of God.
  4. Atheists, and indeed people in general, don't want an objective morality, until they become dissatisfied with their life
  5. But, when we humble ourselves before God, we find refuge in the objective morality He provides.

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1. Loving God with all of ourselves is a ‘must have’ for salvation.
  2. We are not perfect.
  3. In spite of that, though, we have to keep pushing.
  4. Remember that we haven’t given everything, yet. We can always push to love God more.

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God wants to be *your* God



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1. Are you proud of being on God's team?



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