

“For They Shall All Know Me”

Developing a New Covenant Relationship with God

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Lesson 6. My Covenant They Broke

A covenant is a contract



Covenants can have...

- ▶ requirements
- ▶ collateral
- ▶ signatures
- ▶ payments
- ▶ dates of effect
- ▶ etc.

God wants a relationship with people

Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, **my covenant that they broke**, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Goals

- Summarize how Israel rejected God's love under the Old Covenant
- Examine the consequences of rejecting God's love for Israel and for us
- Develop a plan to prevent falling away from God

Israel hardened their hearts

Heb. 3:1-19

- ▶ Israel rebelled against God in the wilderness (7-9,16-20)
- ▶ They worshiped idols
- ▶ They complained
- ▶ They did not trust God to take care of them

Faithfulness according to God

Lev. 26:1-45

- ▶ No Idols
- ▶ Keep the Sabbath
- ▶ Reverence sanctuary

Israel didn't have faith

Rom. 9:30-33

- ▶ Tried to obey the Law, but without faith
- ▶ Instead, tried to rely only on works
- ▶ Stumbled over Jesus.
- ▶ Describes well the Pharisees of Jesus' day

They shall not enter my rest

Heb 3:1-19

- ▶ The wilderness was a test, which they failed
- ▶ So, that generation couldn't enter the promised land
- ▶ Their bodies fell in the wilderness

Suffering in the promised land

Lev. 26:1-45

- ▶ Physical diseases (16)
- ▶ Lose to enemies(17)
- ▶ Poor yields (20)
- ▶ Kill you children and livestock (22)
- ▶ Starving (26,29)
- ▶ Lose the land (32-39)
- ▶ But God will bring them back (45)

Eternally Lost

Rom. 9:30-33

- ▶ The Israelites, in general, didn't accept Jesus
- ▶ He was their only hope for salvation

Do what's right

Lev. 26:1-45

- ▶ Follow God's Law
- ▶ Minimize your consequences
- ▶ Be sensitive to change when you do have consequences.

Pursue righteousness with Faith

Rom. 9:30-33

- ▶ Don't rely on your own righteousness
- ▶ Think about meeting the Lord

Don't be deceived by sin

Heb. 3:1-19

- ▶ Hold fast to your confidence
- ▶ Exhort one another
- ▶ Don't be hardened
- ▶ Trust that God will take care of you

My covenant they broke

- ▶ Israel rejected God's love under the Old Covenant by ...
 - ▶ not trusting God to take care of them to the promised land
 - ▶ Worshiping idols while in the promised land
 - ▶ Trying to rely only on works, but lacking faith
- ▶ So they suffered the consequences ...
 - ▶ The Exodus generation died in the wilderness
 - ▶ Their descendants lost the promised land
 - ▶ He was their only hope for salvation
- ▶ Don't fall into their example ...
 - ▶ Change when you face consequences.
 - ▶ Pursue righteousness with faith.
 - ▶ Trust that God will take care of you.