

Introduction:

- *"For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."* (Matthew 26:28, NKJV) It was a blood covenant that Jesus declared was the New Covenant He was making!
- My heart in this series of messages is to encourage us with understanding of covenant. I think many people are scared of covenants because they are afraid of breaking them. IE. HOAs
- We have looked at: What is covenant? And we have studied the covenants with Adam and Noah Abraham and Moses. Tonight we want to look at the Covenant with David.
- As we look at these covenants, one man described them as skeletal structure that must be assembled accurately.
- *"The reason God's covenants with Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David ought to increase the joy of our faith is that in all of them the main point is that God exerts all his omnipotence and all his omniscience to do good to his people, and we are that people if we follow Christ in the obedience of faith.* John Piper, God's Covenant With David.
 - Reminds me of Rom 5:8 While we were yet sinners Christ died for us.
 - While sinners...he is for us!
- 2 Samuel 7:1-14. In this passage David sets out to build God a house but God ends up building David a house.

I. Truths to Recall/Review

- A. A covenant is a **binding agreement** between two people or parties. God in making covenant with us, literally puts himself into a binding agreement with us.
- B. God determines the terms of the covenant. It is not a mutual agreement.
- C. The covenants that God makes with man **is for man's benefit!** They declare the goodness and kindness of God towards us.
- D. Covenants are all about relationship! God wants relationships with us. That is why He initiates covenant! They are meant to bring people together, by ending strife and conflict.
- E. Covenants are about the stronger person providing covering/protection etc. for the weaker.
- F. In the Adamic and Noahic covenants: God initiates the covenant, sets the terms, blood is shed to activate/ratify the covenant, and man is the recipient of the covenant if he so chooses.
- G. In the Abrahamic Covenant: God establishes a people called to himself. This covenant was renewed with Isaac and after him, with Jacob. Israel experiences 400 years of slavery and a dormant promise and then, God renews the covenant with Moses.
- H. Next we look at the covenant with David.

II. A Man For Covenant

- A. David, a man for the covenant. This covenant springs out of relationship that God and David share. God sets the terms. We don't see the shedding of blood until Christ. Relationship moves God to change Davids direction.
- B. A common theme we find in covenant is that God asks that we love Him, and obey His commands. As expressed with Moses. God was always looking for a man to express covenant in the earth. *"Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own*

special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me. And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation.’ This is the message you must give to the people of Israel.” (Exodus 19:5-6, NLT)

1. Abraham was a friend of God.
 2. Moses spoke with God as a friend.
 3. David is a man after God’s own heart.
 4. It is the heart of the man that makes him a candidate for the covenant that God puts in writing binding himself to us.
- C. David was this kind of man.
1. He has peace on all sides. His enemies are at rest with him. And in that peace David is thinking about God. It is a noted trait of David. He was conscious of God presence. Not everyone is conscious of their lifestyle and neglect of God’s church.
 2. Word to Saul about David. *“But now your kingdom must end, for the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart. The Lord has already appointed him to be the leader of his people, because you have not kept the Lord’s command.”* (1 Samuel 13:14, NLT)
 3. David wants to build God a house (structure) and God wants to build David a house (family line). David has a grateful heart but God wants him to remain a shepherd of God’s people.
- D. Nathan thinks the idea is great. But he says “Do it.” without consulting God. God tells Nathan, “NO.” to David building the Temple. But He will build him a House (family line) that will build it.

III. A King For The Throne

- A. Three times God uses the word forever. 2 Sam 7:13, 16.
1. No wonder this covenant stands out to Israel. When God does something with the word, “forever’ attached to it, all eternity is being attached to it.
 2. We know from verse 12 that David is going to die, but David’s throne would be sure forever!
 - a) Sounds like promises to us. You will die.
 - b) But you will live forever.
- B. 1 Kings 11:11-13 God tears the Kingdom from Solomon but not in his days. In the day of his son the Kingdom will be torn away except for one. David’s tribe, Judah. What this tells us is that the promise to establish David's kingdom cannot happen as long as the descendants of David are rebellious and disobedient. That is why we need Jesus! A man who can keep covenant.
1. “This means that as long as David's sons are disobedient the kingdom cannot be made secure for ever.
 - a) Then look at 1 Kings 8:25. *“And now, O Lord, God of Israel, carry out the additional promise you made to your servant David, my father. For you said to him, ‘If your descendants guard their behavior and faithfully follow me as you have done, one of them will always sit on the throne of Israel.’”* (1 Kings 8:25, NLT)
 - b) (See also 1Kings 6:11, 12. 9:4-9; 1 Chron 22:8-13; 28:1-10.)

2. Israel learned over the centuries following David and Solomon that disobedience in her king always brought the nation to ruin.
 3. But the godly among them knew for sure: God had promised that the throne of David would be established forever (2 Sam 7:4). So they understood that a son of David must be coming who would fulfill the conditions of the covenant, sit on David's throne, and rule forever.
 - a) A succession of imperfect kings could never fulfill the promise.
 - b) If God were true to his word, if he stuck by his job description in 2 Samuel 7, he would have to raise up a righteous, obedient son of David to take the throne (**Ps 89:29-37**)."
- C. The Prophets Speak
1. Jeremiah 23:5-6 The days are coming when the conditions for righteousness will be fulfilled.
 2. Isaiah - 9:6-7 Unto us a child is born!
 3. Gabriel appeared to Mary in Lk 1:31-33, he says, "*Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.*"
 - a) Without a doubt, the Bible clearly teaches that the promise to David that his descendant would rule forever is fulfilled in Jesus Christ.
 - b) As the Son of David (Ro 1:3) and the Lord of David (Mt 22:45) Jesus now reigns as king in heaven over the true house of Israel.

IV. What This Means To Us

- A. Gentiles get the Spirit and James stands up for them Jerusalem. "*God knows people's hearts, and he confirmed that he accepts Gentiles by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us.*" Acts **15:8**, NLT "*And this conversion of Gentiles is exactly what the prophets predicted. As it is written: 'Afterward I will return and restore the fallen house of David. I will rebuild its ruins and restore it, so that the rest of humanity might seek the Lord, including the Gentiles— all those I have called to be mine. The Lord has spoken—'*" (Acts 15:15-17, NLT) Notice that the Gentiles get in on what the prophets predict in Amos 9:11-12
- B. Amos "*In that day I will restore the fallen house of David. I will repair its damaged walls. From the ruins I will rebuild it and restore its former glory. And Israel will possess what is left of Edom and all the nations I have called to be mine.*" The Lord has spoken, and he will do these things." (Amos 9:11-12, NLT)
- C. God's promise to David in 2 Sam 7:16 is that David Kingdom would be for a King over, Israel, The Body of Christ and the whole world! "*Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices shouting in heaven: 'The world has now become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.'*" (Revelation 11:15, NLT)
 1. The House of David, the lineage of David, become the whole earth!
 2. And the people of God are from every nation and tribe.

Conclusion:

- Our job is to love God with all our heart! Obey him according to His word. And to always keep our heart directed to him.
- His is a Kingdom forever! And we want to be found submitted to that King from our heart. He is good. His covenant is always for man. And He binds himself to man...for our good! Covenants are all about relationship. God's desire is that we live in relationship with Him.
- *“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this message for the churches. I am both the source of David and the heir to his throne. I am the bright morning star.”* (Revelation 22:16, NLT)