

Treasures of the Sanctuary—Lesson 17—“The Two Covenants”

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS/TALK:

1. What are the differences between getting a toy car when you are a kid, and getting a real car when you are older? (explain some of them)
2. Can you learn valuable lessons from the toy cars that will help you to understand the real thing better in the future? Also, do you think it would be foolish to give away a real car for a little toy car? Why?

READING AND STUDY QUESTIONS:

1. How does Paul describe the work of Christ today in comparison to the work done in the old Sanctuary system? (Hebrews 8:1-5,6)
 - a. The old Sanctuary system was a _____ of heavenly things (v.5)
 - b. They had earthly men to be priests then. We have _____ as our high priest now.
 - c. Men did services in an earthly Sanctuary then. Christ works for us in a _____ Sanctuary now.
 - d. Has Christ established a new and better covenant now through his own blood? (Heb. 8:6)
2. Was the first covenant everything that God wanted it to be? (Hebrews 8:7) _____ What was the problem with the first covenant? Was it the covenant itself, or was it the people? _____ (Heb. 8:8,9)
 - a. What did the people promise to do in the old covenant? (Exodus 19:8; 24:7) _____
 - b. Was the covenant dedicated with blood? (Exod. 24:8) _____
 - c. Did God write His Ten Commandment Law to be given as part of this covenant? (Exodus 31:18) _____ Where did God write His law? _____
 - d. Did the people continue to obey and follow God’s ways like they should have? _____ (Exodus 32:1,8)
3. What is God’s desire and plan for His covenant with His people? (Hebrews 8:10)
 - a. Does God’s new covenant still have the Ten Commandments? _____
 - b. He wants put His laws into our _____ and to write it in our _____. *That we may know His commands and that we would love to do them always. (not just in some stone, but that they would become an the eternal substance of who we are)*

- c. How does God lead us into a loving obedient relationship with Him? (Romans 5:8; Jeremiah 31:3)
4. What was the first covenant like? (Hebrews 9:1, 6-10)
 - a. Could the old system by itself actually cleanse us from all of our sins? (v.9)
 5. How does Jesus Christ bring fulfillment to this old system? (Hebrews 9:11-14; v.22-24)
 6. The old Law “was a shadow pointing to good things to come.” (Heb. 10:1). Could the old animal sacrifices actually make us perfect before God? (Heb. 10:1-4)
 7. Did God truly have pleasure in those old animal sacrifices themselves? (Heb. 10:5-9) _____ So, did God establish the second covenant through Jesus Christ? (v.9) _____
 8. Was Jesus Christ God’s plan from the beginning of the world? (Rev. 13:8) _____ Was Jesus always planning to be the Lamb? _____
 - a. In the old covenant, circumcision of the flesh was used. But, God’s original plan was for circumcision of the heart. This is symbolized by baptism today. (ref. Colossians 2:11-13).
 - b. The blood of Christ is the blood of the new covenant. (ref. Matthew 26:26-28). Today we do the communion service, instead of the old Passover service, etc.
 9. What is Paul’s appeal for us today? (Hebrews 10:19-23)
 - a. *Note: Our salvation in Christ is by faith alone. When someone tries to earn salvation by following the old works of the Law (the old system, or by claiming that their mere actions to do God’s commands is sufficient to save them) they are living under the old covenant system which cannot bring them life. Paul warned much about this (ref. Galatians 3:1-3; 4:9-11; 5:1-4).*

HEART QUESTION(S):

1. Will you put all of your trust in Jesus Christ? _____ Do you want His Law to be written in your mind and heart so that you know and love to obey it? _____ (all of it.)

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