

Exodus 24:1-8 Provision for Broken Promises

Now He said to Moses, “Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. 2 And Moses alone shall come near the Lord, but they shall not come near; nor shall the people go up with him.”

3 So Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words which the Lord has said we will do.” 4 And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. 6 And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient.” 8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, “This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words.”

Pray

Broken promises often result in broken Hearts

A) **BOB & CAROL** stand before the Pastor / it is a day that they have been **anticipating for months.**

B) **The Church is decorated / their friends & families are present / everything is just right –**

1) **they stand there** –exchanging vows of love & commitment

C) **Promises** that they will be Faithful & true to each other **in sickness or in health /**

1) **In riches or in poverty** until death separates them

5 yrs later BOB comes home & says to CAROL –**I am not in love w/ you anymore**

A) **You no longer meet my needs**

B) **You no longer capture my heart / found someone else- I am LEAVING**

C) **SO He walks away from his wife/ his family leaving behind Broken Hearts**

1) That is what Broken Promises do – Leave behind broken hearts

Little JOEY has been waiting all week for Friday – Why?

A) **Because Daddy promised to get off work early to take JOEY FISHING**

B)All week long Joey has been waiting anxiously –

C)He has his pole ready / tackle box by the door / polished his lures / everything is set

D)Phone rings – Mom hands the phone to JOEY – it is dad she says

Dad says – JOEY buddy I am SO sorry but I am not going to be able to take you fishing this weekend –

A)I have to work late & tomorrow

B)JOEY says *It is ok dad* – I understand as tears run down his face –

C)His heart is broken by a BROKEN PROMISE

Broken Promises are a normal part of the Human condition. Happens everyday.

A)Often times the broken promise results in a broken heart.

B)In our text this morning we see the people of Israel enthusiastically promise to God – twice –

1)All you said we will do!!!!

C)Let me set the scene

In our journey through the book of Exodus

A)We have seen the children of Israel delivered 400 yrs of bondage in Egypt.

B)They set out on a journey through the wilderness –
1)that would take them through 7 different stops – lessons

C))Before finally arriving at Mt Siani which we saw happened in Ch. 19

D)There at MT Siani God reveals himself to the people as the one who delivered them out of Egypt.
1)As the one who bore them on Eagles wings

It was there at Mt Siani that God sought to enter into a Covenant with his people.

A) A Covenant with a Condition

B)A Covenant that would follow a **If /then** Pattern – if you do this – God says I will do that.

⁵Now therefore, **if** you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, **then** you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. ⁶And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

Exodus 19:5-6

C) So God instructed them that if they would obey his voice and keep his covenant

1) they would be his own **special treasure** above all peoples

D) They would become a Kingdom of priest and a Holy nation

When the People heard this decree they responded enthusiastically – All that God said we will do!

A) God at that time hadn't even laid out the conditions of the Covenant yet –

B) But the people were so eager to enter into this Covenant with God –

1) because the blessings were so amazing

C) They Promised – We are all in – All that you say we will do.

D) God expressed the Covenant in this way in the book of Deuteronomy 11 ²²“For if you carefully keep all these commandments which I command you to do—to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, and to hold fast to Him—²³then the LORD will drive out all these nations from before you, and you will possess greater and mightier nations than yourselves. Deut 11:22-23

Once again we see this If/Then Pattern:

A) V 22 If you carefully keep the commandments / to Love the Lord w/ all heart / walk in ways and Hold fast to Him

B) V.23 THEN – the Lord says Then I will drive out the other nations and make you a great nation.

C) So this is the common theme with the Lord in the OT – Covenant follows this If/Then pattern

Well we saw in Chapter 20 that God begins to lay out the conditions of the Covenant – THE BIG TEN

A) Followed by the Judgments in Chapter 21-23 – Last Wednesday

B) As we come to Chapter 24 – Moses has taken them through the conditions of the Covenant –

1) the instructions/ Judgments

C) And we read here in our text again – Not once but twice – they Promise with great enthusiasm

1) **All that God has said – We will do.**

D) Lord you can count on us! We are all in.

Now I just want to say that I believe the Children of Israel are 100% sincere in their promise.

A)The intention of their heart was to absolutely walk in this Covenant

B)The fact of the matter is it would only be a few shorts weeks

1)before the people of Israel would break many of these commands

C)And God in his Foreknowledge knew that would totally be the case

1)Man would fail miserably in keeping this covenant

Galatians 3:24 ²⁴Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith—

A)Paul says The Purpose of the Law was to show us that **we are not righteous/**

B)The Bible says that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. –

1)We all fail in the IF parts of the covenant

C)And according to the Covenant – When we can't keep the **If parts** – when we fail in the if's

1)Then we don't get **to partake** in the **THEN'S**

D)The Sad dilemma of the Human condition according to the Old Covenant

What is man going to do? Doomed forever because of our sin and failings?

A)We see the Answer in our Text – Moses builds and Altar for Sacrifice

B) Why build an Altar and not a Memorial or a banner?

C)God knew his people would need provision – for their sins

Even in the midst of Israel's enthusiastic promise to keep the Covenant

A)God Provides Provision for what he knows is going to be their failure and sin

B)An innocent animal would be sacrificed to Atone for the broken promises of the people.

C)When that innocent Sacrifice's blood was sprinkled on the Altar –

1)The Sins of the People would be Covered

And that Sacrificial animal would point to the Cross

A)Point to a future time when God's Son would come into the world – his life a Sacrifice for sins

B)Recall – at this Baptism – John the Baptist – announced him – **Behold the lamb.....World!**

C)Note: Takes away... – NOT COVERS

In the OT/OC – Atonement was a Covering of sin.

A) In the New Covenant – Jesus takes away our sin
Atonement = AT-ONE-MENT -

B) Through his sacrifice – sins forgiven and forgotten

C) Declared Righteous by HIS BLOOD – Justified –
Just as if you hadn't sinned.

D) That is how the father sees you today Justified
1) AT ONE WITH GOD- **Not saved – Your reality today.**

Missionary handing out New Testaments – great paper for rolling cigarettes –

A) Smoked my way through Matt—Luke – got to John 3:16 – all made sense

B) That is what Jesus does

Now maybe you are thinking – Ok that sounds great sins forgiven – atoned for

A) But what about those Promises of blessing?

B) Are those still forfeited because of our sin and failure to keep the If parts?

C) Once again Paul the Apostle answers that question with one of my favorite verses in all of the Bible

1) **Maybe it will become a favorite for you today too**

²⁰For all the promises of God in Him[JESUS] are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. 2
Corinthians 1:20

D) All the promises of God – All means All

Here is how this works: Jesus leaves heaven comes to earth – lives as a Man – THE PERFECT MAN

A) DEVO'S this week – Hebrews – Tempted in every way as we are – but he didn't sin

B) So Jesus lives as a man and lives the perfect life – that means he fulfilled all of the if's

C) So We could take that passage in Deut 11:22 and read it this way

²²“For JESUS carefully kept all these commandments which I command you to do—HE loved the LORD HIS God, JESUS walked in all GOD'S ways, and JESUS held fast to HIS God hold fast to Him—

Jesus perfectly kept all the IF'S of the Covenant

A) JESUS loved the Father – perfectly

B) Jesus did keep all the commandments/ Jesus did walk in all his ways flawlessly –

1) **Jesus did hold fast to the Father!**

D) Jesus did keep all the if's perfectly – so that means that all the THEN'S are given to him

E) **Ok great for Jesus!** – But that is ALSO GREAT FOR YOU AND ME

Here is why: Don't miss this: When you become a Christian – Christ follower –

A) Through faith in Jesus by believing in his death And His Rez

B) Jesus comes to live in your life – by His Spirit

C) But not only that – You are Placed IN HIM

So God the father no longer sees you in your sin

A) Now He sees you in HIS Son – Covered in his Righteousness

B) The Blessings and Promises that belong to Jesus now belong to you and me too!

C) Notice in our text – the Lord says to Israel if you keep my commandments –

1) You will be a treasure TO ME.

D) We read in Matthew 13:44 **44 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Matthew 13:44**

E) Purchased the world – get you the treasure

1) Nothing to do with our performance

Again in our text - God said to Israel if you keep my Covenant –

A) You will be a Kingdom of priest – Holy Nation – they didn't

B) This is what he says about us in Christ

In Christ we are a Kingdom of Priest and a holy nation
⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. 1 Peter 2:9,10

C) All the promises of God are Yes and Amen in Christ

D) YES – Means they are CERTAIN !!!!!!! – They are TRUE !!!!!

E) The word Amen means they are ACCOMPLISHED – It is a Done deal

How many promises are we talking about?

A) One Bible commentary counted – over 7,000 in the Bible

B) Promises of **forgiveness to the seeking sinner;**

1) Promises of **guidance**; promises of **preservation**;

C) Promises of **peace & joy**; promises of **hope**

D) Promises for death; promises for glory; promises that reach to all eternity.

E) All ours because we have been placed in Christ

Did you know there are over 200 In Christ or in Him statements in the NT.

A) Knowing who you are in Christ and what promises are connected to that position

B) Is maybe one of the greatest things you can discover about being a child of God

C) Let me mention a few a quick list for you today

Made alive IN CHRIST Romans 6:11

Given eternal life IN CHRIST Romans 6:23

No condemnation IN Christ – Romans 8:1

More than conquerors IN CHRIST – Romans 8:37

Covered by God's love IN Christ – Romans 8:39

Approved IN Christ – Romans 16:10

Set apart to God IN Christ – 1 Corinthians 1:2

Triumphant IN Christ – 2 Corinthians 2:14

Free IN Christ – Galatians 2:14

Sons and daughters of God – Galatians 3:26

Blessed with every spiritual blessing – Ephesians 1:3

Partakers of A blessed Inheritance – Ephesians 1:11

Abundant Access to God – Ephesians 3:11-12

Made a New Creation IN Christ – 2 Corinthians 5:17

Old things passed away All things become NEW!

¹⁹ And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19 CSB

A) Everything that we need to live the life that God intends us to live is supplied for us IN Christ

³ His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ By these he has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature. 2 Peter 1:3

B) Everything needed for Life and godliness – comes to us – through our Knowledge of Jesus

C) Partakers of a Divine Nature through his Spirit

The more we grow in our Knowledge of who Jesus is and Who we are in Him –

A) More our life makes sense

B) More Purpose we have – more direction –

C) It all comes together in Jesus!

One final promise today

He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; Philippians 1:6

Listen Friends – The OLD Cov – made here at Mt Siani -was sealed by the Blood

A)Sprinkled on the Altar and on the People

B)So too – the New Cov that Jesus established and was ratified and sealed by HIS BLOOD

C)On the night before Jesus went to the Cross – he met in an upper room with his Disciples

Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”
27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Matthew 26:26-27

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