



## Lesson 112 – God's New Covenant Devotions for Week of September 21, 2025

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### Unit Memory Verses

**1 Peter 5:10** And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

**Jeremiah 33:7-8** I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and rebuild them as they were at first. I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against Me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against Me.

### Day 1

**Read:** Jeremiah 31:1-14 and 31-34

As we have been studying the history of Israel, we learned about how God gave Moses the ten commandments and that all people should follow them. If they sinned and did not follow God's law, they would have to take a lamb and kill it as a sacrifice to cover their sins. We saw how the people of Israel would not always follow God's commandments. They didn't care about their sin, and they began to turn away from God and worship idols. God had to punish them, and they were taken captive out of Israel and into Assyria and Babylon. God would speak through His prophets to tell the people His (God's) Words to them. In this chapter from God speaking through the prophet Jeremiah, God was promising a new way to follow Him; a new covenant (promise or agreement) to take away their sins. God promised that He would bring them back into their land and then He would write the laws on their hearts and the most important part was that He would be their God. In verse 34, God says that we will know Him. We can have a personal relationship with God, and He will forgive us for all our sins. This new way to follow God was something to look forward to as it would be much better than having to give an animal sacrifice for sin. We can know and

talk to God. All we must do is confess our sins and He is faithful and will forgive or cleanse us of all our sins (1 John 1:9). What a blessing!

**Discussion:** What do you think it was like to live under the Old Covenant and to have to kill a sacrifice for your sins? Talk about how thankful you are for Jesus coming and saving you.

**Pray:** Praise and thank God for the New Covenant and the relationship you have with Him. Ask God to write His Word on your heart. Tell God you want to follow Him always.

### Day 2

**Read:** Ephesians 2

These verses are a foundation for our faith. We must remember them, follow them, and know them. These are truths that cannot be changed. We used to walk in sin and death, but God, who is so full of mercy and love, even when we were dead and yucky in our sins, He made us alive. He changed us and took all our sins away and washed us and gave us a new, clean heart. And now we have the promise of eternal life with Him someday. But the most important part of this whole thing is that it has nothing to do with what we have done. It is all by God's grace, a gift to us. We can never say, "I will go to heaven because of all the good, nice things I have done in my life." That is just not true. That is not how you get to heaven. We also can't get closer to God by doing good works. God is working in us to continue to make us more like Him. We can never say "I am so good and do a lot of good things and so I am closest to God." You can be close to God, but it is not by your works. It is just because God loves you and wants to be close to you. These are thoughts and traps that we can get into because this is how our world works. But God has given us a new covenant (or promise) and new blessings in what Jesus has done for us. This is our foundation to build our lives on.

**Discussion:** Do you fall into the trap of good works saving you and making you a good person? Do you know it is all God's work in your life and His grace?

**Pray:** Pray and thank God for His grace and the gift of salvation to you. Thank Him for how He keeps on working in you. Thank God that you can be close to Him and have a relationship with Him.

### Day 3

**Read:** Hebrews 9:1-15

We have been talking about the Old Covenant and New Covenant. The Old Covenant was the agreement or promise that God made with Moses to the children of Israel. They had to follow many laws and when they sinned, they had to bring an animal to cover their sins so that they could be forgiven. God also commanded

Moses on how to build the tabernacle. There was furniture in it, and there were 3 places in it. The outer court, where everyone could enter, the high place, where only the priests could enter and the holy of holies which was separated by a large and heavy curtain and only the high priest could enter. He could only enter once a year and that was not until he made many sacrifices to atone and take away his sins. He would go into the holy of holies and pray for the people to be forgiven for their sins. In this room was the ark of the covenant where God dwelled. This way of following God was very hard and many of God's people chose not to do it. God made a better and more perfect way when He sent Jesus. Jesus came and now He took the place of the high priest. He tore the curtain between us and God so now we can talk to God anytime. Jesus died for all of our sins, and when we sin, we can pray and ask God to forgive us, and He does. We don't have to go to a priest or make a sacrifice for our sins. Jesus was the sacrifice for all. Thanks be to God for making a better way for all of us to be saved!

**Discussion:** Talk about what it was like to have to go to a tabernacle and confess your sins to a priest. Now that God has made a way for you to talk to Him, do you talk to Him?

**Pray:** Thank God for the New Covenant that He has made through Jesus. Ask Him to help you remember to talk to Him all through the day. Thank Him that you can talk to Him for anything that is on your heart. Tell Him you love Him.

#### Day 4

**Read:** Genesis 15:1-7

Way back in Genesis, in the beginning, there was a man named Abram. You probably know him as Abraham as God changed his name later. While his name was Abram, God made him a promise. He promised that he would have more children than the stars in the sky. But Abram was old, and he didn't have any children. If you didn't have any children, when you died, all your stuff would go to your servant. That was known as your heir. Abram thought Eliezer, his servant, was going to be the heir of all his stuff when he died since he didn't have any children. But then God made a covenant or a promise with Abram that he would have many children. Verse 6 is the most important verse because it says that Abram BELIEVED God and it was counted as righteousness for him. Did Abram have to DO anything? Did he have to do a lot of good things for God or pray a certain way or do certain things? No, he just needed to believe and trust God. This is the same for us today. We can be made righteous, which means that we can be right with God. All we must do is believe. He does all the work; it is just a gift given to us. Nothing we can do can make us deserve it. He has given us a New

Covenant where He did all the work, and we just trust in Him and His work. In Romans 10:9-10, it says that if you confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that Jesus is Lord then you will be saved. If we truly believe, we will confess and say it to others with our mouths. That is how easy it is to be saved! God made the new covenant to make it easier for us. The problem is that people think it's too easy so they start doing things to make them feel they can earn it, but that will never work. It is all God's work!

**Discussion:** Do you think this New Covenant that we have with God is easy or hard? Do you try and earn it by doing good things? We should just want to do good things for Jesus because of all He's done for us.

**Pray:** Thank God for the New Covenant that He has given to you as a gift. Tell Him you believe and receive it. Praise God.

#### Day 5

**Read:** Hebrews 4:14-16

Under the Old Covenant, when you sinned, you would have to go to a priest and confess your sin, and the priest would offer a sacrifice to cover your sin, and then the priest would ask God to forgive you. But now under the New Covenant, we don't have to do that anymore. We have a great High Priest, Jesus, and He knows us and sees us. He knows what it is like to be tempted to sin. He died in our place and now we can boldly go to Him anytime and He has His arms outstretched to us to give us mercy and grace in all our times of need. What a blessing we have in Jesus! The New Covenant is a relationship with the Almighty and Loving God. He knows us and wants us to know Him. We can hear Him speak to us through His Word and other ways. Do you have friends or family that you talk to, and they talk to you? You listen when they talk, and they listen when you talk. You like to be with them. That is a relationship and that is what we can have with God now that He has made a way, through Jesus, to forgive us and take away all our sin.

**Discussion:** Do you have a relationship with God? Do you talk to Him and listen to Him talk and spend time in praise to Him? Work on spending more time to further your relationship with Jesus.

**Pray:** Thank God for all He has done for you. Tell Him you want to spend more time talking to Him and listening to Him. Ask God to be in your heart and on your mind all through the day. Thank God for your relationship with Him.