**Jeremiah 31:27-40**

***“Out With The Old, In With The New”***

Introduction:

1. When it comes to pleasing God, have you discovered the right tool?

2. Jeremiah 31:27-40 God has the answer; He is going to do something ***“New”.***

When it comes to pleasing God, are you trying to please God in your own strength?

**I. THE CONTEXT OF THE NEW COVENANT 31:27-30**

 ***A. The Problem Of Sin 27-28***

**1. The Reproduction After Sin 27**

 **\****The days come* lit. *the days are coming (29, 31, 32, 33, 38)*

These are Messianic days and were not all fulfilled with the return from

 Babylon.

 \**I will sow the house of Israel and Judah* All of Israel is the initial thought behind

 the New Covenant. Israel rejected the Messiah and opened the door to the

 Gentile bride (us). God still has something in mind for the nation of Israel.

 \**seed of man/seed of beast* The population of these two were decimated, and God

 would replenish both. Everyone is born in sin and under sin. *There is none*

 *righteous no not one. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.*

 **2. The Result Of Sin 28a**

 **\***There are consequences for sin. The problem is in them…and it works out and

 God judges.

 \*Sin destroys!

 **3. The Restoration After Sin 28b**

It’s all grace! *I will watch over them to build and to plant.*

 ***B. The Personalizing Of Sin 29-30*** They are in denial.

**1. The Personal Rejection Of Sin 29**

 **\***They felt God was judging them unjustly for the sins of their parents.

 \*This popular proverb is also quoted in Ezekiel. *Children pay for the sins of their*

 *parents.*

 **2. The Personal Responsibility Of Sin 30**

 **\***We all have sinned.

 \*Each man and woman is personally responsible. I will stand before God alone!

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**II. THE CENTRALITY OF THE NEW COVENANT 31:31-34**

 ***“It’s all of grace” “I will” (31, 33, 34)*** 5 promises of the New Covenant:

 ***A. The Covenant Of Reconciliation 31***

God is going to bring all of His people together in one redeemed race (27) God

 promised to plant both houses in one land.

1. **The Time of the Covenant** *the days come…*these are Messianic, the day of the Lord.
2. **The Maker of the Covenant…***the Lord*
3. **The Name of the Covenant…***New*

*This is My covenant, I will take away their sin. (Rom. 11:27, Heb. 8:6-13; 10:14-18)* Matthew, Mark, Luke: *New Testament in my blood.*

\*It could not be made with the church, because God made no former covenant with her.

\*The writer of Hebrews makes it clear the New Covenant is for both (Heb. 8:6-13). This does not do away with the distinction between Israel and the church.

\*When the New Covenant was given there was no church, nor could there be until the resurrection. When the Messiah was rejected, the offer of redemption went to all people.

\*Salvation is possible only through the death of Christ. This is the basis of the New Covenant.

***B. The Covenant Of Regeneration 32,33a***

**1.** The problem is not the law or the Old Covenant. Israel failed to keep the Old

 Covenant. *If you do…I will do.* Every Old Testament prophet called the nation to

 repentance. Law was given to show that man desperately needed a Savior. *(Gal 3:21)*

**2.** *“I will put my law in their inward parts.*

 *\**The transformation of God’s people is inside out.

 \*The New did not abolish the Old, but fulfilled it.

 \*Only the Holy Spirit can change a heart. *(Heb. 10:15, 16)*

 \*The Law becomes the principle of life. *(Rom 8:1-4)*

 *\**God’s gift is a new heart. *(Ez. 36:25-27)*

 ***C. The* *Covenant Of Relation 33b***

 *“I will be their God, and they shall be my people”*

1. God’s people would have a claim on God and He would have a claim on them. *I*

 *possess Him and He possesses me.*

**2. It’s not religion. It’s a relationship.**

***D. The Covenant Of Revitalization 34a***

**1.** The Old Covenant was entered into by a nation. That included many who did not

 know the Lord. Those who experience the New Covenant come one by one and are

 born into God’s family.

1. Know by experience. *The Lord was with me. Know*…*carries its most profound connotation of the intimate personal knowledge which arises between two persons who are committed wholly to one another in relationship that touches mind, emotion and will.*
2. This does not do away with the teaching of the New Testament. *Be filled with the Holy Spirit speaking psalms, hymn, spiritual songs, making melody in your heart…*
3. *Know the Lord…*there is a day coming when that teaching would not be needed. **They would know the Lord!** This will be during the Millennium when Christ reigns.

 ***E. The Covenant Of Redemption 34b***

**1.** Sin would be dealt with once and for all.

 **2.** The price of sin would be paid in full! *The cup is the new testament in my blood,*

 *this do as often as you drink this cup in remembrance of me. (I Cor. 11:25) I will*

 *remember their sin no more.* ***Jesus Paid It All!!***

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**III. THE CERTAINTY OF THE NEW COVENANT 31:35-37**

What value is it to have an eternal covenant if certain parties to it are limited in life span?

 Such is not the case… it is made for eternal people!

 ***A. The Permanent Fixtures 35***

*Sun, moon, stars, ocean…*Who gives the permanence? *The Lord of Hosts is His name.*

 ***B. The Permanent Features 36***

Israel is God’s reminder. If she ceases, the ordinance will cease. Israel is a miracle.

 The concept carries a geographic location…a government will be fully realized when

 Jesus comes.

 ***C. The Permanent Finalized 37***

 ***If…***but it can’t and it won’t! **God’s word will stand!**

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**IV. THE CITY OF THE NEW COVENANT 31:38-40**

 ***A.*** Ultimately, Jesus will rule and reign from the city of Jerusalem.

1. Then the New Covenant will be fulfilled. *It shall not be plucked up nor thrown down anymore forever.* ***When: In the latter days.***
2. ***Jerusalem will be forever…when Jesus comes again.***

***Are you trying to please God?***

***Are you hoping your good will outweigh your bad?***

***“****The cup of the new testament was given in my blood”*