

Sermon Quotes
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Study of Hebrews- A New Covenant

Exodus 26:1-6 ESV “Moreover, you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen and blue and purple and scarlet yarns; you shall make them with cherubim skillfully worked into them. (2) The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits; all the curtains shall be the same size. (3) Five curtains shall be coupled to one another, and the other five curtains shall be coupled to one another. (4) And you shall make loops of blue on the edge of the outermost curtain in the first set. Likewise you shall make loops on the edge of the outermost curtain in the second set. (5) Fifty loops you shall make on the one curtain, and fifty loops you shall make on the edge of the curtain that is in the second set; the loops shall be opposite one another...”

“The faultiness of the first covenant—the Mosaic law—was not that God gave bad commands, but that the people had bad hearts. There was divine forgiveness and patience in the first covenant (Exodus 34:6-7). There was the call for faith in the first covenant (Numbers 14:11; Hebrews 3:19; 4:6). There were promises of God's love in the first covenant (Exodus 34:7). But, by and large, these things **did not get into the people's hearts**. It was mainly **external** rather than **internal**. Obedience by will-power rather than by reliance on the Spirit; and ritualistic rather than personal.”

—John Piper

Luke 22:15-20 ESV And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. (16) For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." (17) And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. (18) For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." (19) And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (20) And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "**This cup that is poured out for you is THE NEW COVENANT in my blood.**"

John 16:12-13 ESV “I still have **many things** to say to you, but you **cannot bear them now**. (13) When the Spirit of truth comes, he will **guide you** into all the truth...”

“Taken by itself, the story of Jesus is a mournful story of a victim overpowered by his enemies. Taken alone, the narrative of Jesus from birth to the cross is a moving but finally despairing story of one who courageously took on the powers that be but, in the end, was no match for them. We easily forget that the central narrative of the Christian faith is, on the face of it, **a deep embarrassment**. Often we have turned the passion story into harmless sentiment and the cross into a piece of jewelry, losing touch with what early Christians painfully knew, that Jesus died in shame, and the cross is, to reasonable eyes, an inexplicable foolishness and a stumbling block to faith.”

—Thomas G. Long

“The Law will not simply be on external tablets of stone, but **our own hearts will become the tablets** upon which the finger of the Spirit writes the character of God,

and we will love Him **from the inside out**. What a glorious picture of the New Covenant.”

—Ligon Duncan

John 14:16-17 ESV “...I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, (17) even the Spirit of truth...You know him, for he dwells WITH YOU and WILL BE IN YOU.”

“...The death of Jesus for our sins is the foundation of the New Covenant. It's the basis of the other promises. If Christ had not died for our sins, God could not be our God or write the law on our hearts or cause us to know him personally. All that mercy was obtained by the blood of Jesus. This is why Jesus called the cup of the Lord's supper, ‘the new covenant *in my blood*.’”

—John Piper

1 John 1:8-9 ESV “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Matthew 24:1-2 ESV Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. (2) But he answered them, “You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

“When Jerusalem fell to the Romans in A. D. 70, and the Temple was burned, and the sacrifices stopped being offered in Judaism, and the Levitical priesthood came to an end, God was saying with his power and providence: Christ was the goal of it all. Christ was the Reality; the rest was shadows. Christianity is a faith woven into history. It is not a mere set of ideas. It is about a person, Jesus, who came into history and died and rose again. And it is about a God who intervenes in history to bear witness to the reality of his Son, Jesus Christ.”

—John Piper