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The difference between God's new covenant and the old covenant

The covenant between God and Israel in the Old Testament era:

Genesis 17:7-8:

"I will establish my covenant with you and your descendants. It will be an everlasting covenant between you and your descendants from generation to generation. I will be your eternal God. I will give you and your descendants a sojourn all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting inheritance. I will be their God."

Exodus 19:5-6:

"Now if you really obey my words and keep my covenant, you will be my people among all peoples, for the whole earth is mine. You will be my kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These words you Tell the Israelites."

Exodus 24:7-8:

"And he took the book of the covenant and read it to the people. They said, We will do and keep everything the LORD has commanded. So Moses sprinkled the blood of the LORD on the people and said, This is the blood of the covenant, but The evidence of the covenant that the LORD has made with you according to all these words."

The new covenant that God has established with us now:

Hebrews 9:15:

"For this reason, he became the mediator of the new covenant, having made atonement for the sins committed under the first covenant by his death, so that those who were called might receive the promised eternal inheritance."

John 3:16: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Ephesians 2:13:

"You who once were far off from God have now been drawn near in Christ Jesus through His blood."

Hebrews 8:6:

"But now Jesus has a better office, as he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was made with better promises."

These verses show the covenant God established with Israel in the Old Testament days, and the new covenant God has established for us now through Jesus Christ. The new covenant is based on the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. His precious blood has reconciled us with God, so that we can have eternal life and establish an eternal relationship with God.

Together let us pray:

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for being a loving and faithful God. You made a covenant with the Israelites in the Old Testament era and established a new covenant for us in the New Testament era.

We worship before you, acknowledging your authority and glory. Thank you for establishing covenants with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the Old Testament era, and for choosing Israel as your special people. You led them out of the land of Egypt, through miracles and miracles, and made them Your witnesses. Thank you for conveying your words and teachings to the Israelites through prophets and kings in the Old Testament era, guiding them on your path.

But we also admit that the Israelites broke Your covenant many times in the Old Testament era and sinned away from Your way. Yet You are a merciful God who continually calls them back to seek Your face, and You promise to save them again in the last days.

Now, in the age of the new covenant, we thank you for your mercy and love, and you have established a new covenant for us. You sent Your only begotten Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, into the world to die for our sins and accomplish the work of redemption. Through your precious blood, we are cleansed into an intimate relationship with you.

Lord, please help us to abide by your laws, stick to your ways, and live out your love and truth in the new covenant age. Thank you for giving the help of the Holy Spirit to guide us to understand Your truth, and let our lives become Your testimony and reveal Your glory.

Please help us to fear Your name, seek Your face, and not be deceived by the temptations of the world. May our hearts be fully turned to You, to offer sincere worship, to love You more than anything, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. May we live a life of godliness, righteousness and love in the new covenant, as disciples and representatives of your kingdom.

Thank you, our Heavenly Father, and may Your name be glorified in our lives,
In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

Exodus Chapter 24

Ex. 24:1 Then he said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel.

You are to worship at a distance,

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Ex. 24:2 but Moses alone is to approach the LORD; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him.”

Ex. 24:3 When Moses went and told the people all the LORD’s words and laws, they responded with one voice, “Everything the LORD has said we will do.”

Ex. 24:4 Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel.

Ex. 24:5 Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD.

Ex. 24:6 Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he sprinkled on the altar.

Ex. 24:7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the

people. They responded, “We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey.”

Ex. 24:8 Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

Ex. 24:9 Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up

Ex. 24:10 and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself.

Ex. 24:11 But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

Ex. 24:12 The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commands I have written for their instruction.”

Ex. 24:13 Then Moses set out with Joshua his assistant, and Moses went up on the mountain of God.

Ex. 24:14 He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

Ex. 24:15 When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it,

Ex. 24:16 and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud.

Ex. 24:17 To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.

Ex. 24:18 Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Exodus Chapter 24 describes the sealing of the covenant between God and the people of Israel. After God had given the laws and regulations to Moses on Mount Sinai, Moses relayed them to the people and they agreed to obey them.

Moses then built an altar at the base of the mountain and had the young men of Israel offer burnt offerings and peace offerings to God. He took half of the blood from the offerings and sprinkled it on the altar, and the other half he sprinkled on the people, symbolizing the sealing of the covenant between God and Israel.

Moses and the leaders of Israel then ascended the mountain and had a vision of God, eating and drinking in His presence. God called Moses into the cloud to receive the stone tablets on which the laws were written.

The chapter concludes with Moses remaining on the mountain for forty days and forty nights, during which time he received the laws and regulations from God.

the key verses Chapter 24 of Exodus in the Bible

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Key verses are as follows:

1. "Then he [Moses] took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, 'All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient'" (Exodus 24:7): This verse describes the people of Israel's commitment to obeying God's laws and commandments.

2. "Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud" (Exodus 24:15-16): This verse describes Moses' encounter with God on Mount Sinai, where God gave him the tablets of the Law.

3. "And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel" (Exodus 24:17): This verse emphasizes the awe-inspiring nature of God's presence and the power of God's glory.

4. "Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights" (Exodus 24:18): This verse describes Moses' extended period of time on Mount Sinai, during which he received further instruction from God.

Overall, Exodus chapter 24 emphasizes the importance of obedience to God's laws and commandments, as well as the awe-inspiring nature of God's presence and glory. The chapter also sets the stage for Moses' extended period of time on Mount Sinai, during which he received further instruction from God.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 24:

Exodus chapter 24 marks a significant moment in the relationship between God and the Israelites. In this chapter, Moses, accompanied by Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy elders of Israel, ascends Mount Sinai to receive further instructions and to confirm the covenant between God and His people.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the establishment of the covenant. After Moses receives the laws and commandments from God, he relays them to the people, and they respond with a unified declaration of obedience: "All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do" (Exodus 24:3). This response signifies their commitment to follow God's instructions and establishes the covenant relationship between God and the Israelites.

The chapter also highlights the importance of rituals and symbols in the worship of God. Moses builds an altar at the foot of the mountain and offers burnt offerings and sacrifices to God. He takes half of the blood from these sacrifices and sprinkles it on the altar, symbolizing the consecration of the people and the covenant. The

other half of the blood is sprinkled on the people, signifying their participation in the covenant relationship.

Another significant aspect of this chapter is the encounter between Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel and God Himself. They see a manifestation of God's glory, described as "a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness" (Exodus 24:10). This encounter confirms the authenticity of Moses' leadership and solidifies the covenant between God and the Israelites.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 24, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of commitment and obedience in our relationship with God. Just as the Israelites declared their willingness to follow God's commands, we are called to wholeheartedly surrender to God, faithfully obey His Word, and walk in His ways.

Secondly, this chapter highlights the significance of rituals and symbols in our worship. While the sacrificial system described in Exodus may no longer be practiced, the principle of offering ourselves as living sacrifices to God remains relevant. We can engage in acts of worship, such as prayer, praise, and service, as a way to express our devotion and commitment to God.

Furthermore, the encounter between Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel with the manifestation of God's glory reminds us of the awe-inspiring nature of God's presence. It encourages us to approach God with reverence and humility, acknowledging His majesty and seeking His guidance and revelation.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 24 marks a pivotal moment in the establishment of the covenant between God and the Israelites. It calls us to commit ourselves to God, to engage in meaningful acts of worship, and to approach Him with reverence

and awe. By reflecting on these lessons, we can deepen our relationship with God, experience the beauty of His presence, and walk in obedience to His commands.