



#homedevos 17.1

THE NEW COVENANT #2

The New is not like the Old

Today we are going to discover that the New Covenant God made with Jesus is totally different to the Old Covenant He made with Moses and Israel.



Watch these Videos:

Let's first watch **Covenants by The Bible Project** (5 minutes)

<https://youtu.be/8ferLlsvlml>

It will help us to get the whole picture and again see God's heart, love and desire.

The older children can also watch as an optional extra at a later stage: **The Law by The Bible Project** - https://youtu.be/3BGO9Mmd_cU

We saw in the video clip God made a covenant with the people of Israel which is known as "The Old Covenant" and God made a covenant with Jesus "The New Covenant".

In the Old Covenant God gave Israel a set of laws to obey as guidelines to live by as God's people in loving Him and loving one another. If they obeyed it all they would have been the healthiest, happiest, holiest people on earth – an example to all peoples. He promised that if they obey all the laws, He will bless them and if they do not do all that is written, they will be cursed (Deuteronomy 28:1,15). The message of the Law is about you and obeying all God's laws – what you do, your performance.

No man could ever fulfil his side of the covenant, because of the sinful nature of mankind, as we read in Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." No one can fulfil the requirements of the law. Therefore, under the law we are all cursed and cannot stand before God in holiness, blameless and in love. No matter how hard we try.

But God in His great love and grace reached out to humanity.

We read in Romans 8:3-4(TPT):

"For God achieved what the law was unable to accomplish, because the law was limited by the weakness of human nature. Yet sent us his Son in human form to identify with human weakness. Clothed with humanity, God's Son gave his body to be a sin offering so that God could once and for all condemn the guilt and power of sin. So now every righteous requirement of the law can be fulfilled through the Anointed One living his life in us. And we are free to live, not according to our flesh, but by the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit!"

(You can paraphrase this in your own words for the little ones.)

God sent His beloved Son to earth as a human being, just like us, yet without sin, to do two things: to uphold man's part of the Old Covenant and to be a sin offering for the sins of humanity.

Let's look at: "To uphold man's part of the Old Covenant"

In Matthew 5:17 Jesus said "Do not think that I have come to do away or undo the Law or the prophets, I have not come to do away or undo but to complete and fulfil them." What man could not do – keeping the whole of the Law – Jesus, the perfect man without sin (Hebrews 4:15), did? He did everything that is written in the Law perfectly, representing mankind.

Story:

(The main character in this story is a boy. If you have only girls, adjust the story to a girly theme.)

There was a boy, William. He loved going out with his granddad into the veld for some adventure. They would take a little tent and sleep out under the stars. At night they made a campfire, cooked some meat and granddad would tell him many of his childhood stories. One of his favourite things to do, was to use his granddad's Leatherman knife. It is actually a multi-tool. Granddad would allow him to use it for all kinds of things. He loved it and so much wished he could have his own, but his dad just said: "No! It is too expensive."

One evening around the fire under a beautiful starry sky William told his granddad of his desire to have his own Leatherman and his dad just said it was too expensive.

Granddad: "Do you get pocket money?"

William: "Yes, Granddad, but it is too little to buy an axe."

Granddad: "Why don't you save your money and then buy it?"

William: "I will have to save every cent for three years to be able to buy it."

William said and his eyes filled up with tears.

Granddad: "Well Willie, why don't we go and talk with dad and ask him to lend to you the money for the Leatherman and then you pay it off over time."

William: William's eyes lightened: "Do you think Dad will listen?"

Granddad: "Well, let's ask and see."

That night William dreamt about having his own Leatherman.

The next day William and granddad spoke to William's father when they got home.

Dad: "How much does it cost, son?"

William: "Uhh, uhh ... R1500. But granddad's cost R4500." Hoping his dad's heart will soften.

His dad agreed to lend him the R1500. They both signed a contract where William will pay his dad R10 every week for three years.

His dad gave him the money and he and granddad went to buy the Leatherman. He was so happy.

William paid his R10 every week and had no extra money left for himself. While his brothers and sisters bought sweets and treats, he could just wish for some. Yet he was faithful in paying back.

A year later William and granddad went out for another adventure. Around the fire granddad said: "Willie, I see you still enjoy your Leatherman!"

William: "Yes granddad! I love it. It is the best thing I ever had!"

Granddad: "How much do you still owe your dad?"

William: "R1000", William answered with a sigh.

Granddad: "So, you still have to pay dad for another two years? That's a LONG time!"

William: "Yes, Granddad."

They both stared into the fire, busy with their own thoughts.

A few weeks later granddad came to visit them. Dad and Granddad were behind the closed door of dad's study. "That is strange. I wonder what is wrong." William thought to himself.

After some time, his dad called him and closed the study door behind. His heart was now beating wildly in his chest. "What did I do wrong? Am I in trouble?" were thoughts rushing through his head.

Dad: "Sit, Son. Granddad came to see me about the Leatherman."

Now William's heart was racing even faster, scared for what is coming.

Dad: "Granddad said he really loves the times that the two of you go camping. He watched you. How you skilfully using it, looking after it and paying faithfully every week without complaining."

William relaxed a little and with a half-hearted smile, still wondered what was coming.

Dad: "William, granddad came today, and he paid the rest of the money you owe me to the very last sent."

William couldn't believe his ears. Looked from his dad to granddad to his dad to granddad.

Granddad: "Yes Willie," granddad said, "I paid the rest in full. You owe your dad nothing. The Leatherman is yours."

William jumped up and gave granddad a big, big hug. "Thank you, Granddad!"

Dad took their contract from the drawer of his desk and wrote in big black letters over it, AGREEMENT FULFILLED, PAID IN FULL.

As William's granddad fulfilled the agreement on behalf of William with his dad and paid the full amount due, Jesus came to earth and fulfilled all the requirements, duties, and burdens of the law on behalf of us.

Because Jesus fulfilled all of the law that covenant has been concluded and a new one has been made. We will learn more about that one, the New Covenant, next time.



Memory Verse:

Matthew 5:17(b):

"I have not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets but to fulfil them."

For the little ones:

"I have not come to put an end to the Law, but to fulfil it."

(Suggestion: Use actions to teach and memorize this verse. Be enthusiastic.)



Prayer

Give thanks, praise and worship God for His great love for us.

In preparation for #homedevos 17.2:

In this homedevo we are going to explain to our children the difference between a wage and a gift. The idea is that they will experience it themselves, therefore:

- Please give your children special tasks to do in the next two days before the #homedevos 17.2. and decide on what you are going to pay them.
(Use a "Star card" for the little ones where they get stars for the tasks done and at the end you pay them for it.)
Make sure they clearly understand what is expected of them and that they will get paid for the tasks completed properly.
Stick to your agreement.
Have the money ready for each one.
They will only get paid when you do #homedevos 17.2.
 - Buy a special little gift/treat for each child – each one's "tailor made". Wrap it up with the child's name on it. Also ready for #homedevo 17.2
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