



## #homedevos 18.1

### THE NEW COVENANT #3

#### A New Nature

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In preparation:

There is no preparation for this #homedevo, but please look at the suggestion for the Family Night and plan according.

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What do you remember of our last #homedevo?

What stood out for you?

We learned about the New Covenant God made with humanity, with us, through Jesus.

- Jesus, our mediator
- The New Covenant is totally different to the Old Covenant
- God remembers our sins no more, our sins are totally wiped away by Jesus

Does this mean that we can live our lives however we want, do what we want and feel like to do and then just ask for forgiveness?

What do you think?



#### Game: Follow the Leader

Let's first play a game: Simon Says (Follow the Leader).

(Let the family experience someone is saying what to do and the rest have to do it. Have fun. Keep your eyes open. Note when one of the family do not do an action.)



### Discuss:

- Did you have fun? Why? Why not?
- When we played this game, did you feel like doing all the actions all the time?

If the answer is “Yes” and you noticed one of the family did not do an action, ask him/her why he/she did not do it.

If the answer is “No” ask: Why not?

*(Hopefully this discussion will lead to something like: “Somebody else tells me what to do and I did not want to do it/didn’t feel like doing it.” If not, lead the discussion to it.)*

- Can you think of examples where laws or rules are made, and you have to do it whether you like it or not?

This is exactly the case with the Israelites. God gave them laws to live by under the Old Covenant. (The laws were for their own good and safety, like our Traffic Laws.)

God Himself wrote ten of those laws on tablets of stones. The laws were outside of them. It is like the Laws of our country, or Traffic Laws or school rules written on paper and given to us.

But we read time and time again in the Old Testament how they did their own thing and rebelled against God. Man wants to do his own thing, because of our sinful nature. We also read in Hebrews 3:13(b) that sin hardens our hearts (sin leads us away from truth and it hardens our hearts.)

We see three wonderful things God does in this New Covenant God:

1. We read in Ezekiel 6:26-27:

*“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you;  
I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.  
I will put My Spirit within you  
And cause you to walk in My statutes,  
And you will keep My judgements and do them.”*

- God says, He takes out the heart of stone – that hardened heart that wants to do the wrong, its own thing and sin, and He will give us a heart of flesh –

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this means a soft heart. He gives us a new nature - a heart that desires God and desires to do His will.

- He will also give us His Holy Spirit to help us to walk in His ways and to do as He says. We do not do it in our own strength, we have a Helper.

2. We also read in Hebrews 8:10:

*"This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord:*

*I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."*

- God writes His laws on our hearts and puts it in our minds – God's laws are no longer outside of us, it is inside, in our hearts and minds.

Jesus said in Matt.12:35: *"A good man out of the treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil."*

When God's laws are in our hearts, that is what will flow out, that is what we will do.

3. 2 Corinthians 5:17:

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, He is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."*



#### Questions:

- Are you *in Christ*?
- If not, do you want to give your heart and life to Jesus, the One who loves you so much that He died on the cross for your sins?
- Explain in your own words what it means to you to have a new nature in Christ (Jesus).



#### Prayer:

- If any of the family wants to receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, give him/her the opportunity, and pray together.
- Pray for people you know who are not saved, that they come to the knowledge of salvation in Jesus.
- Pray for all the people in our beloved country to return to God.

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### Memory Verse:

What is our Memory verse?

Stand in a circle and throw a ball/rolled up socks to one another. The one with the ball/socks start with the first two words "I will" and throw the ball to someone else, he/she says the next two words "give you". Keep on throwing the ball till you have said the whole verse. You can repeat the game by now saying four words when having the ball "I will give you". Don't forget to include the address: Ezekiel 36:26.

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