

ANSWERS: *Disciple of Christ Study: Lesson 5 More Love Covenants*

Purpose of study: *Live life as a disciple of Christ and intentionally make disciples for the glory of the triune God. A disciple is a “student” or “follower” who learns, studies, and acts in accordance to the teachings of Christ, the Master.*

Lesson 5: More Love Covenants (Day One) Recruitment

Definition: Recruit is a verb meaning to find suitable people and get them to join a company, a cause, an organization, the armed forces, etc. Recruitment is the action or process of recruiting.

Five Steps to Recruiting or Making Disciples: (Christian Leadership Study or Disciple of Christ Study)

I. Pray

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.¹³ When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles. Luke 6:12-13

1. Read Luke 6:12-13. What did Jesus do before He called the twelve, whom he designated apostles?

Praying or spent the night praying to God.

II. Recruit to a Vision

Read Matthew 4:19 and answer questions 2-4:

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19

2.. What reason did Jesus give to his potential disciples for following Him?

He would make them fishers of men.

3. What does the expression "fishers of men" mean?

It means that the disciples will be looking for people to tell about Jesus so they may be saved and have a personal relationship with God. Or simply catching people for God.

4. When you recruit, who will you tell those people to follow?

Jesus Christ; triune God. Also my example, as I follow Christ (Paul, 1 Corinthians 11:1)

III. Actively Seek and Ask

Read Matthew 4:21-22 and answer questions 5-7:

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them,²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Matthew 4:21-22

5. What did Jesus do after He called or recruited Peter and Andrew?

He kept recruiting. Jesus went on to call James and John.

6. What were James and John doing when Jesus invited or called them into discipleship?

Preparing their nets to fish for real fish.

7. Did Jesus sit back and wait for His team to come and volunteer for service?

No

IV. Have a Clear Process with Necessary Materials

Read Nehemiah 4:16-17 and answer questions 8-10:

From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows and armor. The officers posted themselves behind all the people of Judah¹⁷ who were building the wall. Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other. Nehemiah 4:16-17

8. Nehemiah faced opposition in rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem. What process or method did he employ to assure the work would continue?

1. He had half the men equipped with spears, bows and armor and posted them behind the workers who were working on the wall.

2. He also armed the workers with weapons so they could work but also protect themselves if they were attacked.

9. Did the people have materials to use in rebuilding the wall? **Yes** No (Circle One)

V. Trust God for Success

You, dear children, are from God (born again or born of God) and have overcome them (false prophets), because the one (Jesus) who is in you is greater than the one (Satan) who is in the world. 1 John 4:4 (Author inserted parentheses for clarification.)

10. Read 1 John 4:4. Why will *you* succeed in recruiting for God?

Because the Jesus who is in you is greater than Satan who is in the world. No person or spiritual being can thwart God's plan. We need to make the ask, issue the call or recruit - and leave the results to God.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. Proverbs 3:5-7

11. Read Proverbs 3:5-7. We are commanded to ___ **Trust** ___ in the LORD with all our ___ **heart** ___ and lean ___ **not** ___ on our own ___ **understanding** ___; in all our ways ___ **acknowledge** ___ Him and He will make our paths ___ **straight** ___. We are not to be ___ **wise** ___ in our ___ **own** ___ eyes; fear the ___ **LORD** ___ and shun evil.

Note: CLI Discipled. Questions 12-15 should be answered personally by your disciple with a list of his or her potential disciples.

12. List each potential learner or disciple. List the CLI Leadership Study by his or her name unless this person has already completed this study. If the person has completed the Leadership Study you may list and use the Disciple of Christ Study (DOC). Next, write their response to your offer to teach or disciple him or her. Also indicate if they have access to the Internet:

Name: Plan of Discipleship: Response (Yes or No): Access to Internet (Yes or No):

Personal list. Their answer sheet has lines for them to write in the names etc.

CLI Discipled, please encourage your learner to continue to treat those men and women who refused their offer of discipleship with love and respect. It may just not be God's will for them. Or they may consider becoming a disciple at a later date. Our offer of discipleship should grow God's kingdom and not tear it apart.

13. Do you, your chaplain, or anyone who has accepted your offer of discipleship, have the ability to print the lessons from our website, using the Internet? Yes No (Circle One) If yes, please list the names:

Personal list and answer. Their answer sheet has lines for them to write.

CLI Discipler, This would be a great savings if the folks on this list are willing to print the lessons from the CLI website. Secure instructions from the CLI website or office for these people to print their lessons.

14. Do you, your chaplain, or anyone who has accepted your offer of discipleship, have the ability to copy lessons free of charge from one hard copy? Yes No (Circle One) If yes, please list the names:

Personal list and answer. Their answer sheet has lines for them to write.

CLI Discipler, This would be a great savings if the folks on this list are willing to print the lessons from the CLI website. Secure instructions from the CLI website or office so that we may send one hard copy in order that copies for all your disciples' learners may participate.

15. List the names of those who have agreed to study with you and the CLI study you will be using. We will need to know if he or she needs a hard copy of the lessons and the name and address where it should be mailed. If you will be handing out the copies to your learners, we can mail a packet to you. Please indicate how your CLI Discipler should proceed:

Name & Number: CLI Study: Mail to this address: Mail to my address (I handout lessons)

Personal list and answer. Their answer sheet has lines for them to write in the names etc.

Important Note: CLI Discipler, Make sure that the CLI Program Coordinator receives a copy of this answer and #13 and #14. This is the critical step in getting your disciple the materials he needs to disciple others and fulfill Jesus' great commission to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20).

Lesson 5: More Love Covenants (Day Two) *Mosaic Covenant Continued*

Three Main Parts of the Mosaic (law) Covenant

I. *The Ten Commandments*

16. Read Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21 in your Bible. List briefly the ten ways that God expected the Israelites to obey and follow Him:

1. No other gods before God
2. No idols or carved images
3. Do not misuse/in vain God's Name
4. Keep the Sabbath holy; observe it
5. Honor your mother and father
6. Do not murder
7. Do not commit adultery
8. Do not steal
9. Do not say or testify falsely against neighbor
10. Do not covet/desire your neighbor's things

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words: ² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³ "You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand *generations* of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. ⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³ "You shall not murder. ¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ "You shall not steal. ¹⁶ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. ¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Deuteronomy 5:6-21

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ⁷ "You shall have no other gods before me. ⁸ "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁹ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the

children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,¹⁰ but showing love to a thousand *generations* of those who love me and keep my commandments.¹¹ "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.¹² "Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you.¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work,¹⁴ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor the alien within your gates, so that your manservant and maidservant may rest, as you do.¹⁵ Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.¹⁶ "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you.¹⁷ "You shall not murder.¹⁸ "You shall not commit adultery.¹⁹ "You shall not steal.²⁰ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.²¹ "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife. You shall not set your desire on your neighbor's house or land, his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

17. Are we expected to follow these today? **Yes** No Sometimes (Circle One) Explain answer:

Yes, because Jesus confirmed all of these commandments with His teachings and parables. With the Sabbath, He expounded (explained) on what it means to keep the Sabbath holy, such as doing good deeds as the Father leads. However, He never said that His followers should not observe the Sabbath. Now the Sabbath in Hebrew is Saturday. However, as Christians we observe our holy day on Sunday because Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday and made all things new from the "Fall". (Getting hung up on the actual day of the week would lead us into legalism and this is not what God intended)

II. Moral and Social Regulations

Read Exodus 22:21-23 and answer questions 18-19:

"Do not mistreat an alien or oppress him, for you were aliens in Egypt.²² "Do not take advantage of a widow or an orphan.²³ If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry." Exodus 22:21-23

Definition: The type of alien mentioned here is not a creature from outer space. In the context above, an alien is an outsider or a newcomer. He or she would be considered a foreigner (stranger) to the Israelites.

18. When God tells the Israelites not to mistreat or oppress aliens, why do you think He says for (because) you were aliens in Egypt?

Personal Answer but: The Israelites should be able to relate and empathize with aliens living in their land because they were aliens living in Egypt. They would know firsthand the pain and suffering they received at the hands of the Egyptians for no good reason.

19. How do you think Jesus would affirm (establish) this particular teaching regarding those who are not only aliens from another country, but for those who do not belong to your particular group, gang or social club? (See Luke 6:27-35)

Personal Answer but obviously Jesus taught us to love our enemies and do good to those who hate you. And when God is saying not to mistreat an alien, He isn't even saying that the alien is an enemy or is someone who is mistreating him. Jesus also taught about who our neighbor is – The Good Samaritan and this would also come into play, making the Exodus 22-21-23 verses all the more pertinent to the Christian walk.

Luke 6:27-35

"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.²⁹ If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic.³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.³² If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them.³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that.³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' lend to 'sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full.³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

III. Levitical (Levi) Priesthood

Read Exodus 19: 5-6 and answer questions 20-21:

"Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine,⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." Exodus 19:5-6

20. Although the Levites were chosen as formal priests to serve in the Temple, what did God desire of all the people (Israelites)?

To be priests and holy

21. What does God desire of you as a Christian (1 Peter 2:9)?

To be a priest and holy so that we may declare the praises of our triune God.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Definition: A priest in the context of Exodus 19:5-6 and 1 Peter 2:9 would be a spiritual leader, teacher and worshipper who serves God fully and declares His praises. Today, a priest in this sense is a devoted disciple of Jesus Christ, our high priest. He has made atonement for our sins and lives to intercede for us.

A high priest was in charge of the Temple worship. He was to be holy and consecrated to God. As such he was the only one allowed in the holy of holies to make atonement for sin.

Definition: Atonement is a word that means “at one.” “Ment” is a suffix (ending) that takes the act or process of the word and gives the result or state of a particular action. Atonement means that because Jesus was the atoning (paid for sins) sacrifice for our sin, Christians are one with God. We are reconciled; we are back in healthy and loving relationship.

Read Leviticus 5:5-6 and answer questions 22-25:

"When anyone is guilty in any of these ways, he must confess in what way he has sinned⁶ and, as a penalty for the sin he has committed, he must bring to the LORD a female lamb or goat from the flock as a sin offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him for his sin."
Leviticus 5:5-6

22. In the New Testament, who is the Lamb of God (John 1:29 and Revelation 7:17)?

Jesus, the Son of God.

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Revelation 7:17

"For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

23. Why is Jesus called the Lamb of God (John 1:29 and 1 Peter 2:24)?

Because He was sacrificed as a Lamb was sacrificed for sin in the Old Testament. Jesus died on the cross as a sacrifice for the sins of mankind.

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

24. How did Jesus fulfill (complete) the Mosaic Law and not abolish (stop, eliminate) it (Matthew 5:17-18 and Galatians 3:10-13)?

Jesus fulfilled the Mosaic Law by his perfect obedience to it and by taking all the sin that the Law identifies and judges mankind for into his body on the cross. He became a curse for us and redeemed us so we can live by faith.

Matthew 5:17-18

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.¹⁸ I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished."

Galatians 3:10-13

All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."¹¹ Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, "The righteous will live by faith."¹² The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, "The man who does these things will live by them."¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

25. When *you* are guilty of sin, what do *you* do (Hebrews 7:23-27 and 1 John 1:9)?

Personal Answer. However, confess in the way I have sinned and in faith place those sins in Christ's body on the cross. Those sins were paid in full by the holy Lamb of God who died on the cross for my sins and is now risen in glory to intercede for me. Or similar thoughts to show what we do with sin in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 7:23-27

Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office;²⁴ but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.²⁶ Such a high priest meets our need-- one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

No one is to be in the Tent of Meeting from the time Aaron goes in to make atonement in the Most Holy Place until he comes out, having made atonement for himself, his household and the whole community of Israel. Leviticus 16:17

26. Read Leviticus 16:17. Where does Jesus, our High Priest serve (Hebrews 8:1-13)?

At the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven. The sanctuary (home, house, dwelling place, worship place) in heaven, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord and not man.

Hebrews 8:1-13 The point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,² and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man.³ Every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer.⁴ If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, for there are already men who offer the gifts prescribed by the law.⁵ They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."⁶ But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises.⁷ For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another.⁸ But God found fault with the people and said: "The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah."⁹ It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord.¹⁰ This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.¹¹ No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.¹² For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."¹³ By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear.

Read Hebrews 9:14-15 and answer questions 27-30:

*How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!*¹⁵ *For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance-- now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.* Hebrews 9:14-15

Definition: Conscience is a person's inner feeling and awareness of moral conduct. When one does wrong or evil, he feels guilty and ashamed.

27. What has the blood of Christ done for you (v. 14)?

Personal answer but main point I want them to understand is Jesus cleansed our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

Definition: Guilt has two meanings. First, guilt is defined as being responsible for a crime or for doing something that violates (goes against) a moral standard. Second, guilt is a bad feeling caused by knowing or thinking that you have done something bad or wrong.

28. Are you struggling with a sin that seems to have you in bondage (controlled)? If you feel led by God, please share briefly. Your CLI Discipler will pray and offer words of encouragement.

CLI Discipler, Please pray for your disciple and offer words of encouragement. Make sure your comments are in line with their answer so they feel heard. Thank you.

Definitions: A mediator is an individual who attempts to make those people involved in conflict come to an agreement; a go-between or intermediary. Mediate is to intervene between people in a dispute in order to bring about an agreement or reconciliation.

29. Who is the mediator of a new covenant (pact, treaty, promise) v.15?

Christ Jesus

30. Why has the Levitical priesthood become obsolete (no longer in use)? (Hebrews 9:24-10:7)

Levitical priesthood was but a shadow of Christ as our perfect high priest who sacrificed Himself for all who believe. It is no longer in use because it had only pointed to Christ, the Lamb of God and now that Christ has come it is no longer needed. Christ, crucified, died, buried and risen, is a reality and one must look to Him and not the blood of bulls and lambs that cannot save and do away with sin.

From Lesson notes:

Jesus descended through the line of Judah, not Levi. However, Jesus is our High Priest in the order of Melchizedek, which precedes (comes before) the Levitical priesthood (Genesis 14:18 and Hebrews 7:1-28). Jesus is our High Priest forever because God made it so by an oath (pledge, vow) (Hebrews 7:20-22).

Lesson 5: More Love Covenants (Day Three) *Everlasting King*

Sixth Covenant: Davidic (David) Covenant

From Lesson Notes:

The “ark of God” and the “ark of the Lord” are synonymous (identical) with the “ark of the covenant.” The Hebrew word for ark, aron (אֲרוֹן), means ark, chest, coffin or box; it is simply a word for a container. However, when attached to the holy name of our Lord, it refers to the seat of Yahweh among His people.

The ark was built under Moses' leadership and God's directions into a rectangular shape, approximately four feet long, two and one half feet wide, and two and one half feet deep. This holy ark was not only a symbol of God's presence among His people but was the actual place that He caused His glory to shine forth. The ark was built for mobility so that the people could visually see the Lord leading and guiding them at all times, even in battle (Numbers 10:33, 25-36). Remember, no one could actually see God and live (Exodus 33:20) so the ark of the covenant was a perfect design by God to reveal Himself, present and holy, to the Israelites.

31. Think or ponder about the name “ark of the covenant.” Share your thoughts:

Personal Answer. However, consider the ark was God’s seat and presence among His people. That it was tied to His covenant (agreement, pact, treaty) reveals the importance God placed on His covenant. He would be true to His promises and expected the people to obey His conditions, laws and regulations.

Read 2 Samuel 7:7-16 and answer questions 32-34:

Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"⁸ "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel.⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth.¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. "'The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:¹² When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom.¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men.¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.'" 2 Samuel 7:7-16

32. With the First Edenic Covenant (Genesis 2:16-17), God told Adam and Eve to increase in number and rule over the earth. Why did God take David from the pasture (v. 8)?

To be ruler over my people Israel

Genesis 2:16-17

And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

33. With the Adamic Covenant (Genesis 3:14-15), the LORD promises a Savior from their sin and the dire (terrible) consequences of that sin. What is God saying to David to confirm His promise and take it closer to fulfillment (vs. 12-14)?

The LORD is going to raise up David’s offspring to build a house for God and He will establish His kingdom forever. The Messiah will be His Son.

Genesis 3:14-15

So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

34. Review the Abrahamic covenant (Genesis 12:2-3) and list the similar language, concepts and promises (vs. 8-11; 12-14)?

David taken from pastures and flock and Abraham taken country and father's house
David, ruler over great nation Israel, Abraham being made into a great nation
David as ruler has great name, Abraham had great name
David will have rest from enemies, Abraham enemies will be cursed
David will have Messiah from His house/line, Abraham has Messiah in His line (all nations blessed)

Genesis 12:2-3

"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

*After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'*²³ "From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as he promised." Acts 13:22-23

35. Read Acts 13:22. How did God keep His covenant with David?

From David's descendants, God brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as He promised.

Lesson 5: More Love Covenants (Day Four) *The Temple*

Read Revelation 11:19 and answer questions 36-38:

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm. Revelation 11:19

36. When God's temple in heaven was opened after the seventh trumpet was sounded, what was seen within His temple?

The ark of His covenant

37. What do you think is the significance of God's temple in heaven being opened and revealing the ark of His covenant (Revelation 11:1-19)?

Understanding God's covenants is a major part of knowing God. He is a covenant-making and covenant-keeping God. God reminds us of this fact in the last book of the Bible when the door of eternity is swung open. The ark represented God's presence that heretofore was only open to the high priest. Now with His Kingdom fully come, His presence is open for believers with reward and comfort or for non believers with penalty and wrath.

God's redemptive covenant has come to fruition. All symbols, copies and signs are made manifest (clear, known) in heaven as God's presence is revealed and His righteous judgment is pronounced. The world begins and ends with God. Following any other course, especially the temptations of Satan leads to death and destruction.

Revelation 11:1-19

I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count the worshipers there.² But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.³ And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."⁴ These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.⁵ If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die.⁶ These men have power to shut up the sky so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.⁷ Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.⁸ Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.⁹ For three and a half days men from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial.¹⁰ The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.¹¹ But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them.¹² Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.¹³ At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.¹⁴ The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.¹⁵ The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,¹⁷ saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.¹⁸ The nations were angry; and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great-- and for destroying those who destroy the earth."¹⁹ Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

38. The awesome power and majesty of God is portrayed by lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, earthquake and hail (Exodus 19:16-19). As a disciple of Jesus Christ, does this give you encouragement of God's faithfulness or fear of His holy wrath? Please explain your answer.

Personal Answer

39. Memorize Revelation 11:19 and write without looking at the Scripture:

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm. Revelation 11:19

But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children--¹⁸ with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts. ¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. ²⁰ Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. ²¹ Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. ²² Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul. Psalm 103:17-22

40. Read David's words in Psalm 103:17-22. Who is a Son of David and of God, who not only kept the Mosaic covenant and the law perfectly, but fulfilled it (Matthew 5:17; Hebrews 7:23-27 and 1 John 1:9)?

Jesus Christ

Lesson 5: More Love Covenants (Day Four) Encouragement for Recruiting

In my anguish I cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting me free. ⁶ The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? Psalm 118:5

41. Read Psalm 118:5. What are two reasons that we should recruit for God?

God has set us free and is with us.

Read Acts 26:16-18 and answer questions 42-45:

'Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you. ¹⁷ I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them¹⁸ to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' Acts 26:16-18

42. Jesus tells the apostle Paul to get up and _____ **stand** _____ on your _____ **feet** _____ (v.16).

43. Why did Jesus appear to Paul (v.16)?

Paul was to be God's servant and witness of Jesus Christ.

44. Name the people to whom Jesus is sending Paul (v.17).

Gentiles (people who are not Jewish)

45. Why is Jesus sending Paul to the Gentiles (vs.18-19)?

Open their eyes to the truth of God and His Son Jesus so they may be forgiven of sins.

Read 1 Kings 8:23 and answer questions 46-47:

"O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below-- you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.

1 Kings 8:23

46. Solomon is praying to the LORD and confirms that God will keep His covenant of love to His servants who:

who continue wholeheartedly in your way.

47. Give an example of how you see God's love and promises working in your own life:

Personal Answer. CLI Discipler, please comment appropriately to your disciple's answer.

48. How has the study of the Old Testament covenants helped to grow your love for God?

Personal Answer. CLI Discipler, please comment appropriately to your disciple's answer.

49. How will this study of the Old Testament covenants encourage you to stand firm and disciple others?

Personal Answer. CLI Discipler, please comment appropriately to your disciple's answer.

Next: Lesson 6: The New Covenant

Rev 6/25/2015

