

1. Opening Prayer
2. Intro: God's Covenant

- a. with Noah (Genesis 6:17-22, 8:20-22, and 9:1-17)

Universal preservation (re-creation and salvation) 2 Peter 3:4-7 and Genesis 9:10

- b. with Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-21, and 17:1-14)

Promise by blood (requirement of human cleansing) Genesis 15:17, and 17:10

- c. with Moses (Exodus 6:7, 19:5-8, 24:3-4, Deuteronomy 4:13-31, and 29:13-15)

Constitution and national foundation (Exodus 19:6)

- d. with David (Psalm 89:1-4, 26-37, and 132:11-18)

Dwelling and father-son relationship (household) 2 Samuel 7:4-16

- e. with Jeremiah (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Changing hearts (forgiveness and restoration) Jeremiah 32:39-41

- f. *diathekei* in Greek

Used 4 times in synoptic gospels, twice in Acts, 9 times in Paul's letters, 1 time in Revelation, and 17 times in Hebrews. Mostly it refers to the Lord's Table, but in Gal. 3:15 and Hebrews 9:16, it means the last will and testament. Many scholars think this word has dual meanings of covenant and the last will.

3. Tabernacle / Temple Articles

Holy of Holies (Exo. 28:29, 35, 43, Lev. 14:13, 16:1-27): only the high priest could enter once a year for the offering of atonement.

Lampstand (Exodus 25:31-40, 37:17-24, Lev. 24:4): 7-branched candelabra made of gold outside the Holy of Holies

Bread of Presence (Lev. 24:5-9): 12 loaves on the table outside the Holy of Holies. Priests could eat them.

Golden altar of incense (Exo. 40:26, Lev. 16:12-13): The high priest burned perfumes to make pleasing odor to God.

Mercy Seat (Lev. 16:2, Exo. 25:17-22): The gold cover on top of the ark. It was believed as God's presence.

4. Let us read Ch. 9

- a. The author writes, “we cannot discuss these things in detail,” but mentions some of the tabernacle and temple. Why do you think the author mentions those items?
- b. What is the main point of verses 6-10, verses 11-14, verses 15-21, and verses 23-28?
- c. Why do you think verse 7 mentions unintentional sins?
- d. What does “almost everything” mean in verse 22?
- e. The reference to the blood of Jesus is a key component of the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. What do the words “this is my blood shed for you” signify?
- f. What does it mean that Jesus died “once for all” in verse 26?
- g. Do you agree that “without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness” in verse 22?

5. Closing Prayer