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HEBREWS 9:1-10

THE FIRST COVENANT VS. THE NEW COVENANT

During the Old Testament, not everyone could enter the Temple of God. Only the priests could enter the outer room and only the high priest could enter the Most Holy Place once a year, with the blood of the sacrifice, asking for God's mercy and forgiveness for His people. And it had to be done again and again. The Bible wrote that this sacrifice could not entirely clean the people's hearts. "They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings."

Then Jesus Christ came and made a new covenant. His blood replaced the blood of the animals that used to be used as a sacrifice. He became the High Priest and when He entered the Most Holy Place, He brought His own blood as a perfect sacrifice that brings salvation to people who are faithfully waiting for His second coming.

His sacrifice can make our hearts entirely clean and pure. We can feel His presence each time we open our hearts to Him. The blood of Jesus is a perfect sacrifice and His sacrifice is once for all.

Key verse:

*Hebrews 9:15a
For this reason
Christ is the
mediator of a
new covenant,
that those who
are called may
receive the
promised eternal
inheritance.*

Prayer

*Dear Jesus, thank
You for saving
me. I want to be
faithful till the
end. I love You.
Amen.*





HEBREWS 10:15-18

GOD'S WORD IS LIKE BATTERIES!

Batteries are powerful in a way that they can give "life" to a lifeless equipment. However, the power inside the batteries will not be revealed unless they are attached to the equipment. For example, we have a clock and some batteries to be attached to it. The clock is lifeless without the batteries and the power inside the batteries cannot be seen if they are not attached to the clock. They need each other to be activated.

We are like the clock while God's word is like the battery! We need God's word to be spiritually alive and the power of God's word will only be revealed when we read it, meditate on it, believe in it and do it in our daily lives.

God wants to write His laws in our hearts. As His laws are written in our hearts, they will help, guide and protect us. The more we fill our heart with God's word and the more time we spend with Jesus, the more power we have to face everything in our lives.

The Bible has the solution and answer for everything.

Key verse:

*Hebrews 10:16b
I will put My laws
in their hearts.
I will write My
laws in their
minds*

Prayer

*Dear God, thank
You for the Bible.
Fill my heart with
Your word and
may Your word be
activated in my
heart and mind at
all times. Amen.*





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HEBREWS 11:1-3

FAITH

By faith, Abraham left his hometown and went to a totally new place as God asked him.

By faith, Sarah was able to bear a child although both she and Abraham were very old.

By faith, Noah built a big ark for something that God said would happen but was yet to be seen.

By faith, the small David defeated the giant Goliath.

By faith, Moses and God's people walked through the Red Sea as if it were dry land.

By faith, the wall of Jericho fell after God's people marched around it for 7 days.

By faith, Daniel was safe even though he was thrown into the lion den.

None of these people lived to see with their eyes how God was going to save His people. What they did see was the way He worked in their lives and in the lives of those they knew. God met their needs, answered their prayers and protected them.

May you and I choose to have faith by believing and hoping in God. Always remember all the wonderful things He has done in your life and the life of others. Keep on having faith in Him.

Key verse:

*Hebrews 11:1
Faith is what makes real the things we hope for. It is proof of what we cannot see.*

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for the stories of faith in the Bible. Help me to get to know You more through the faith of others and through my personal experience with You. Amen.





HEBREW 12:5-11

WHEN I HAVE A BAD DAY

Have you ever felt like your day just can't get any worse? Now, think quietly to yourself about the last time you had a bad day. Maybe you're not having such a great day right now! You must be very frustrated, angry, upset or even embarrassed!

Bad days teach us something. For example, waiting in a long queue might not be a pleasant experience, but it teaches us to be more patient.

Sometimes, in the day that seems like a bad day, it might be that we are actually being disciplined by God. When we are going astray, God wants to direct us back into the right path. Being in the process of discipline might not feel pleasant at all, but it will bring us into righteousness and peace in due time.

The most important thing is to always remember that God loves you in your good and bad days. When you are being disciplined by God, it means God loves you as His dear child. There is always a blessing He has stored for us as long as we stay faithful throughout the process.

Key verse:

*Hebrew 12:11
No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.*

Prayer

Dear God, in good days and bad, I know Your love remains in me. Amen.





HEBREWS 13:5-8



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JESUS CHRIST NEVER CHANGES

In good and bad days, Jesus never changes. During summer, winter, autumn or spring, Jesus never changes.

In the past, Jesus showed His goodness to us. Today, He is still so good and faithful to us. Tomorrow and forever, He will still be the same. He knows our future and has already planned for it. He has also planned eternal blessing for us.

The power of Jesus' name never changes. The powerful name of Jesus that healed the blind, the lepers and the bleeding woman never changes and is still happening today. The name of Jesus that cast the demon out from the blind and mute man is still working these days. Jesus' power that turned water into wine, calmed the storm and walked on water is still the same today!

The name Jesus Christ has been used throughout the centuries and it still remains the most powerful name ever known!

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Key verse:

*Hebrews 13:8
Jesus Christ
is the same
yesterday and
today and
forever.*

Prayer

*Dear Jesus,
thank You for
being the same
yesterday, today
and forever. Your
love and power
are everlasting.
Amen.*





JAMES 1:22-25



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BE THE DOERS OF GOD'S WORD

Before or after teaching the Bible lesson, our Sunday School teachers always pray that we will be the doers of God's word. A doer means a person who does something.

James says that we are to be doers of the word of God and not only be the hearer. In this context, being a hearer is when we hear God's word and say we believe but then we don't act upon it. Even though we hear the word of God every day, three times a day, it will not bring about any benefit unless we act upon it.

Plain and simple, it is not enough just to hear God's word. We are to move beyond listening alone and do what God's word tells us to do and keep doing it.

Being the doers of God's word means living by God's standard.

The way we think, the way we behave and talk to others must be based on God's word.

We are putting God first in everything we do.

We respect our parents, teachers and friends.

We are to show care and love to others.

Key verse:

James 1:22

Do what God's teaching says; do not just listen and do nothing.

Prayer

Dear God, thank

You for Your

word. Help me

not only to listen

but to do what

You say. I want to

be a faithful doer

of Your word.

Amen.





JAMES 2:14-26



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THINGS THAT GO TOGETHER

Things that are meant to go together will go well with each other, and they cannot be separated from each other. When they are being separated, neither one of them can work properly. They need each other to give a great result. For example, a keyhole and a key. A keyhole needs the right fitting key in order for us to be able to unlock something. On the other hand, the key becomes useless unless it is inserted into the keyhole.

Faith and deeds are things that go together. Salvation is a gift that God has given freely and it isn't dependent on our good deeds. But God saves us from sin so that we can do good deeds. By faith, we follow Jesus and do good deeds as long as we live on earth.

If we say that we believe in Jesus but we tell lies to our parents and teachers, it is called as having faith without deeds. The Bible says faith without deeds is dead. By doing God's will, we are strengthening our faith. But if we keep excusing ourselves from obeying God's word, sooner or later our faith will fade away and die.

With both faith and deeds, the light of God will be shone through our lives and God's name will be glorified.

Key verse:

*James 2:26
As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.*

Prayer

Dear God, help me to show my love for You by doing the things You have taught me to do through Your word. Amen.

