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Sunday School Lessons

Unit Three

"An Everlasting Covenant"

November 2017



The fall quarter of 2017 considers the major covenants that God makes with people on behalf of the earth and the human community. Beginning with Noah, God promises benevolence toward creation. Similar commitments are made with Abram, Phinehas, and Ezekiel. Ultimately, the covenant forms the foundation for the coming Messiah and salvation for the world.

Unit III, "An Everlasting Covenant" develops four lessons, drawn from Numbers, I Samuel, Jeremiah, Hebrews, and I Corinthians, that examine the components of the covenant God makes with the priest, Phinehas, and the divine promise to Israel through the prophet Jeremiah. The unconditional divine promises are to maintain a perpetual priesthood, forgive the unfaithful, and establish a new covenant with Israel. God seals this covenant of pure grace through Christ as mediator and by writing the law in the hearts of God's people.

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SUNDAYSCHOOL

November 26, 2017 "Promises To Remember" 1 Corinthians 11:23-34

It is often easier to make promises than to keep them. How can we remember to keep the promises we make? Paul exhorted believers to remember these promises through celebrating the Lord's Supper in a way that affirms the covenant it embodies.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To explore the meaning of the Lord's Supper as a time of covenant remembrance.
- ✓ To aspire to eat the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner as covenant partners with God.
- ✓ To live out daily the covenant implications of the Lord's Supper.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Look in the CME Hymnal and look at The Rituals of the CME Church (609-612). List the promises we make in each of the rituals.
- Look specifically at 609 in the CME Hymnal. List words that call for the use of our memory.
- Christians understand that spiritual practices are aids to remembering God's promises to them and their promises to God and one another. Name some of these spiritual practices.

We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee.



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