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We continue stedfastly in prayer, and in the
ministry of the word.

Acts 6: 4 ASV

Welcome to Bible Study and Prayer COVENANTOR

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- Bible Study and Prayer Wednesday last began a season of study to answer the question What is man? That lesson was BLUEPRINT FOR A HUSBAND. Lord willing, we continue to develop a more complete scriptural understanding.
- **Text:** Genesis 1: 27-28 ASV

²⁷ God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. ²⁸ God blessed them: and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply,

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and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

- **Let our voices unite in a prayer of petition for Wisdom**

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- I come boldly to the throne of grace, that I may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4: 16
- Elohim of my fathers, and Adhonai of mercy, who has made all things with Your Word,
Wisdom 9: 1
- and ordained man through Your wisdom, that he should have dominion over all creatures which You have made, Wisdom 9: 2

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- and ordered the world according to equity and righteousness, and execute judgment with an upright heart: Wisdom 9: 3

- give me wisdom, that sits by Your throne; and reject me not from among Your children;

Wisdom 9: 4

- send her out of Your holy heavens, and from the throne of Your glory, that being present she may labor with me, that I may know what is pleasing unto You. Wisdom 9: 10

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- For she knows and understands all things, and she shall lead me soberly in my doings, and preserve me in her power. Wisdom 9: 11
- So all my works shall be acceptable. Wisdom 9: 12
- Asking all in Jesus name. John 14: 14
- Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as in heaven. Matthew 6: 10
- For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Matthew 6: 13 Amen.

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- Man has been placed over the other works of God:
- by the original appointment, (Gen 1:26).
- though fallen, sinful, feeble, and dying.
- in the person of the Lord Jesus, in whom human nature has received its chief exaltation.
- When we survey the heavens, and contemplate their glories, and think of the exalted rank of other beings, we may well inquire why has such

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honor been conferred on man?

Crowned with glory and honor, that is, with exalted honor. Glory and honor here are nearly synonymous. The meaning is, that elevated honor had been conferred on human nature. A most exalted and extended dominion had been given to man, which showed that God had greatly honored him. This appeared in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, "the exalted Man," to whom this dominion was given in the widest extent.

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- Text: Exodus 19: 5-6

If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth [is] mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These [are] the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

- God made covenant with the people of Israel. A holy nation, and a treasure unto God.

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- Covenant is an agreement made in earnest.
- Earnest is binding and non-refundable.
- All people of Israel were told the Lord's words.
- Text: Exodus 24: 3-8

Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. He sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings

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blood, and put [it] in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. He took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. Moses took the blood, and sprinkled [it] on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

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- Blessing would be Israel's reward for obeying the covenant.
- **Text:** Deuteronomy 29: 9

Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.

- God was judge of the covenant with Israel.

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- Text: Isaiah 33: 22

For the LORD [is] our judge, the LORD [is] our lawgiver, the LORD [is] our king; he will save us.

- The covenant was entirely dependent on Israel keeping the law. If the law was broken the covenant was broken and the relationship between God and the nation was shattered. The relationship was entirely dependent on law and obedience to the law.

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- Man cannot keep the law!

- Text: Jeremiah 3: 8

I saw, for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery.

- Text: Jeremiah 3: 2

Thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness.

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- Text: Jeremiah 3: 2

Thou refusedst to be ashamed.

- Text: Jeremiah 3: 7

I said after she had done all these [things], Turn thou unto me. But she returned not.

- Text: Matthew 5: 17

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

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- WICKEDNESS WITH THE COVENANT WITH ISRAEL
- LACK OF SHAME WITH THE COVENANT WITH ISRAEL
- ABANDONMENT WITH THE COVENANT WITH ISRAEL
- JESUS FULFILLS THE COVENANT WITH ISRAEL
- NEW COVENANT WITH JESUS

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- Text: Mark 14: 22

And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake [it], and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave [it] to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.

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- Text: John 3: 16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

- Jesus introduced a new relationship between man and God. Men are no longer under the law of God. Men are forever within the love of God.

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- **Text:** Romans 10: 9-10

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

- **Grace is:**
God's Redemption At Christ's Expense.

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- **Text:** Hosea 2: 19-20 ASV

I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in justice, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness; and thou shalt know Jehovah.

- With these words Hosea the prophet uses the metaphor of marriage to describe our ideal relationship with Jehovah, the coming together

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of two partners who understand each other because they know each other.

- Jehovah is a mystery to us. In this case, the attempt to know leads to the relationship of love. The idea of knowing Jehovah or a spouse lies in the ability to understand the nature of the commitment and the energy required to sustain the relationship.
- We say to know Him is to love Him.

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- Hosea's story encompasses the pain of adultery and the suffering caused by betrayal. Jehovah actually orders Hosea to marry a promiscuous woman, Gomer. They have three children.
- A parallel of the suffering of Jehovah caused by the infidelity of His people to Him.
- The account concludes with hopes for both relationships; Hosea and Gomer as well as Jehovah and Israel.
- Fidelity has great relevance!

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- God's chosen aren't teacher's pets, but role models in their behavior drawing others to follow covenant. In earnest with a binding and non-refundable responsibility they ³ bless all the families of the earth. Genesis 12: 3 ASV

You are invited to join us!

We continue steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.