

24 October

 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Covenant – God pursues

 Let's hear your story

1. How would you explain to a friend, family member or work colleague that God pursues us even when we try and hide from Him?
2. How did God respond to Adam and Eve's betrayal in Genesis 3:8 – 9? (**God came looking for them and calling out to them to communicate with them.**)
3. How did God cover Adam and Eve's sin in v.21? (**God made tunics of animal skins to clothe them. God killed an innocent animal and used the animal's skin as a substitute to cover Adam and Eve's sin, shame and guilt.**)
4. What does Genesis 17:7 and Leviticus 26:12, tell us about God? (**God pursues a relationship with us.**)

 Let's go deeper

5. What does the word covenant mean? (**Hebrew meaning for; "beriyth." It means to cut, and is made by passing between pieces of flesh.**)
6. What was the symbolism of God's covenant with Abraham in Genesis 15:8 – 18? (**It was sealed by blood. If I break this covenant agreement, let the same bloodshed be poured out on me.**)
7. With whom did God make a covenant in Genesis 1 – 2 and 9:8 – 17 and 12:1 – 3? (**With Adam, with Noah and with Abraham.**)
8. What covenant is the fulfillment of Old Testament covenants, and is how we enter into loving relationship with God? (**The New Covenant – Matt.26:26-29.**)

 Let's apply this

9. How do we enter into covenant relationship with Jesus Christ:

The only step to become a part of this covenant is to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour.

Romans 10:9 NKJV; That if you **confess with your mouth** the Lord Jesus and **believe in your heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

SUMMARY:

- **Covenant: God pursues**

In **Genesis 3:1 – 6**; mankind betrayed and sinned against God.
In **Genesis 3:8 – 9**; God respond to mankind's betrayal, by looking for those who are hiding from Him. And God calls out to Adam and Eve to communicate with them.
In **Genesis 3:21**; God covers their nakedness, shame, guilt and God gives them a promise that Jesus is coming to fix the sin problem. God pursues His betrayers. We sinned against God, and God gives us grace. God pursues covenantal relationship with us. God's answer to sin is covenantal relationship with Jesus.

God pursues relationship with us (See Genesis 17:7 and Leviticus 26:12).

What is a covenant?

Covenant is an agreement or promise between 2 or 3 people to pursue relationship.

An Old Testament example of a blood covenant (See Genesis 15:8 – 18).

v.17; Covenant was made when parties to the agreement walked through the animal parts together, repeating the terms of the covenant.

v.18; The Lord made a covenant is literally, "the Lord cut a covenant."

Covenant symbolism:

This is a covenant so serious; it is sealed with blood.
If I break this covenant, let this same bloodshed be poured out on me.

The Adamic Covenant? (See Hosea 6:7; Genesis 1 – 2)

The Noahic Covenant? (See Genesis 6:8 – 9, 9:8 – 17)

The Abrahamic Covenant? (See Genesis 12:1 – 3; 17:1 – 14; 22:16 – 18)

The Mosaic Covenant? (See Exodus 3:4 – 10; 6:7; 19:5 – 6)

The Davidic Covenant? (See Psalm 89:3; 2 Samuel 7:8 – 19)

The New Covenant? (See Jeremiah 31:31 – 34; Matthew 26:26 – 29)

Jesus is a better...

Jesus is a better Adam, who did not sin and regained all that Adam lost.
Jesus is a better Noah, who brings judgment of sin, salvation by grace and a new world. Jesus is a better Abraham, who is the blessing to the nations of the earth. Jesus is a better Moses, who has conquered our Pharaoh Satan, liberated us to worship and fulfilled the law for us. Jesus is a better David, who is seated on a throne, ruling as the King of Kings, coming again to establish His Kingdom forever.

How do we enter into covenant relationship with Jesus Christ? (See Romans 10:9).