

ANSWERS: Unit 4: Disciple of Christ

Live life as a disciple of Christ and intentionally make disciples for the glory of God.

Lesson 4 First Covenants

Day One Covenant of Love

1. Read Ephesians 4:23–24. In Christ, you are made new in the attitude of your mind and have
put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness
to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians $4:23-24$

Bible reference in lesson:

1 John 1:9–10 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.* ¹⁰ *If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.*

2. How does Katie's story encourage you in your identity in Christ?

Personal Answer

3. What is a covenant and why did God use and record them in His Word?

A *covenant* or testament is an agreement, promise, pledge, contract, or treaty made between two parties to bind them together.

God designed covenants to communicate His spiritual and divine intentions in a way that people could understand. God wants us to know, understand, and follow His terms.

Seven Major Covenants

First: Edenic (Eden) Covenant

Read Genesis 2:16–17 and answer questions 4–6:

And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die." Genesis 2:16–17

4. What was the one condition or stipulation that God gave Adam for "living" and "ruling" from the Garden of Eden (v. 17a)?

You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

5. What did God say would happen if they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (v. 17)?

Adam and Eve would die.

6. Are Adam and Eve physically alive today? Yes <u>No</u> (Circle	One)
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Day Two

Promise of a Savior

Read Genesis 3:6–7 and answer questions 7–8:

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Genesis 3:6–7

7. How did Adam and Eve fail to keep the condition God set for them to live forever (v. 6)?

Eve took some of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

8. What was the outcome of their failure and $\sin (v. 7)$?

Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realized they were naked. In other words, they knew they had missed the mark of holiness God had set for them. They opened their lives and their world to sin and shame. Their peace had evaporated. Their sin had separated them from relationship with God.

9. Read Romans 5:12. What was the result of Adam's sin for all people?

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—Romans 5:12 (The "one man" is Adam. Eve is included, as they were one in marriage and in their sin against God.)

All people received sin and death from Adam's sin.

10. Read Romans 5:17–21. How can you or anyone overcome the death caused by Adam's sin?

For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! ¹⁸Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. ²⁰The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 5:17–21

Jesus has conquered death on the cross. Anyone who accepts God's free gift of Jesus' sacrifice overcomes death. He or she is made righteous and given eternal life.

Second Covenant: Adamic (Adam) Covenant

Bible references in lesson:

Psalm 44:25 We are brought down to the dust; our bodies cling to the ground.

Isaiah 25:11–12 They will spread out their hands in it, as a swimmer spreads out his hands to swim. God will bring down their pride despite the cleverness of their hands. ¹² He will bring down your high fortified walls and lay them low; he will bring them down to the ground, to the very dust.

Micah 7:17 They will lick dust like a snake, like creatures that crawl on the ground. They will come trembling out of their dens; they will turn in fear to the LORD our God and will be afraid of you.

Read Genesis 3:14–15 answer questions 11–15:

So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." Genesis 3:14—

11. Who made the judgment, decided the punishment, and rules all, including Satan?

God

12. What did God put between Eve and her offspring, and Satan and his offspring (v. 15)?

Enmity—hostility and hatred.

13. Who will Satan strike and try to destroy (v. 15; Matthew 4:3–10; Luke 22:3–4)?

Jesus

Bible references in question 13:

Matthew 4:3–10 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

Luke 22:3–4 Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. ⁴ And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus.

14. Who crushed Satan's head and destroyed the power of death (v. 15; Hebrews 2:14–15)?

Jesus

Bible reference in question 14:

Hebrews 2:14–15 *Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—*

15. Today, who are God's offspring and who are the devil's offspring (John 1:11–13; Galatians 3:26–29; John 8:44; Acts 13:10; 1 John 3:8)?

Godly offspring are believers and followers of Christ. The devil's offspring not only include the antichrist yet to be revealed, but liars and those who do his bidding. Jesus told the Pharisees: *You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire* (John 8:44a).

Bible references in question 15:

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. John 1:11–13

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:26–29

Jesus told the Pharisees: You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44

"You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? Acts 13:10

The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 1 John 3:8

16. Read Genesis 3:21. What do you think happened to the animal(s) that God used to make garments of skin for Adam and Eve?

The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. Genesis 3:21

Personal Answer but obviously the animal died. Perhaps God told Adam to kill the animal and taught him the art of sacrifice; however, we do not really know.

17. Read Leviticus 17:11. How did God make an *eternal* atonement for one's life and fulfill His promise and covenant of Genesis 3:15? (See Hebrews 9:12, 15)

For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life. Leviticus 17:11

Jesus Christ, God's Son, fully man and fully God was sacrificed on the altar of the cross (His blood was shed) and made an eternal (forever) compensation for our lives by taking the punishment for our sins. This was Satan's defeat and promise of Genesis 3:15.

Bible references in question 17:

Hebrews 9:12 He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

Hebrews 9:15 For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

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18. Memorize Leviticus 17:11.		
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Day Three Divine Promises

Third Covenant: Noahic Covenant

19. Read Genesis 9:1. How is the Noahic covenant similar to Edenic covenant (Genesis 1:28–29)?

Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth." Genesis 9:1

Similarities between the Noahic and Edenic Covenants:

- 1. Blessing God blesses both Adam (Genesis 1:28) and Noah (Genesis 9:1).
- 2. Command to Multiply Both are told to "be fruitful and increase in number."
- 3. Mandate to Fill the Earth Both are instructed to "fill the earth."
- 4. Affirmation of God's Image Both affirm that humans are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27; Genesis 9:6). New Beginning for Humanity Adam and Noah each represent a fresh start for mankind.
- 5. Instruction about Food In both, God gave guidance on what humans could eat.

Read Genesis 9:3–6 answer questions 20–21:

"Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything. ⁴But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it. ⁵And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each human being, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being. ⁶ Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind." Genesis 9:3–6

20. How is the Noahic covenant different from the Edenic Covenant (Genesis 1:29, 2:16–17)?

Edenic – Gave plants and fruit to eat Noahic – Added animals (blood drained) to eat
Specific – to not eat from tree No specific plant or animal not to eat
No instructions on murder God demands accounting for death of man
Bible references in question 20:

Genesis 1:29 Then God said, "I give you every seed—bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food."

Genesis 2:16–17 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

21. Why will God demand an accounting from every person or animal who kills a human being?

Because God has made man and woman in His image.

Fourth Covenant: Abrahamic Covenant (Two Parts: A & B)

22. Read Genesis 12:1–3. God told Abram to leave his country and go to another land. List the sevenfold promise that God desired to fulfill for Abram and his descendants.

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ²I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:1–3 (Abraham's name was originally Abram—God changed it to Abraham. See Genesis 17:5.)

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- 4. You will be a blessing.
- 5. I will bless those who bless you.
- 6. Whoever curses you I will curse.
- 7. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

Acton Step

23. Read and meditate on Exodus 6:7; Jeremiah 7:23; Ezekiel 11:19–20; Zechariah 8:8; Luke 22:20; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Hebrews 8:10. What is the heart of God's covenant promise?

Relationship with His people. He will be our God and we will be His people.

Bible references in question 23:

I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. (Exod. 6:7 NIV)

but I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you. (Jer. 7:23 NIV)

I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.

²⁰ Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God. (Ezek. 11:19-20 NIV)

I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be my people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God." (Zech. 8:8 NIV)

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. (Lk. 22:20 NIV)

What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people." (2 Cor. 6:16 NIV)

This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. (Heb. 8:10 NIV)

24. Read Genesis 12:4. When God told Abram to leave his country and people and go to the land that God would show him, what did Abram do?

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy—five years old when he set out from Harran. Genesis 12:4

He left as the Lord had told him.

Read Galatians 3:6-9 and answer questions 25-27:

So also Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." ⁷Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. ⁸Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." ⁹So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. Galatians 3:6–9 (See Galatians 2:20–3:5)

25. Abraham believed God, and how was it credited to him (v. 6)?

Righteousness

- **26.** Those who have faith are children of Abraham (v. 7)?
- 27. How are we, Gentiles (non–Jewish), justified by faith (v. 8, Galatians 2:20–3:1)?

Faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

Bible reference in question 27:

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for

nothing!" **3:1** You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. ²I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? ³Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh? ⁴Have you experienced so much in vain— if it really was in vain? ⁵So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard? Galatians 2:20–3:5

28. Regardless of being Jew or Gentile, rich or poor, male or female, how is a person justified and restored to a relationship with God (See John 3:16, 14:6)?

Faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

Bible references in question 28:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

29. How are all nations blessed through Abraham (v. 9, Galatians 3:16)?

Those, including all people and all nations, who rely on faith and trust in Jesus Christ, are blessed along with Abraham. We are then, children of Abraham and children of promise—we are children of God and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven.

The Savior, the Messiah, was born through Abraham's lineage and Jesus would bring salvation and a way back to relationship with God. Only in relationship with God can one be blessed!

Bible reference in question 29:

The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ. Galatians 3:16

30. If you are a child of Abraham, have faith in Jesus Christ, and are blessed along with Abraham, how will the nations be blessed through *you*?

Personal answer, but it means that I take the gospel message of Jesus to all nations so they may find salvation and a way back to relationship with God. If not to all nations, at least to my family and community.

We, and all people, are blessed through faith in Jesus—living by faith and not sight.

Action Step

31. As a child of the promise (Abrahamic Covenant), be a blessing to someone this week and write of your experience.

Personal Answer

—End Day Three—

<u>Day Four</u> <u>Divine Relationship</u>

A. The Land

32. Read Genesis 15:9–10. What did Abram do with the animals he brought to God?

So the LORD said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon." ¹⁰Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. Genesis 15: 9–10

Cut them in half or in two.

Read Genesis 15: 17–18 and answer questions 33–35:

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—" Genesis 15:17–18

33. What passed through the animal pieces (v. 17)?

A smoking firepot with a blazing torch.

34. Where did the smoking firepot come from (v. 18a)?

God

35. What was God promising to give to Abram's descendants (v.18b)?

Land

36. Read Deuteronomy 5:32–33. The land was given unconditionally but in order to live, prosper, and have long days in the land, what were the Israelites required to do?

So be careful to do what the LORD your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left. ³³Walk in obedience to all that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess. Deuteronomy 5:32–33

Obey God's commands and live in the way He desires.

B: Relationship with God

Read Genesis 17:7–11 and answer questions 37–40:

"I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. 8 The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God." 9 Then God said to Abraham, "As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. 10 This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. Genesis 17:7–11

37. What was God's *amazing* promise about divine relationship (v. 7)?

God would be their God, and He would be the God of their descendants after them.

38. What were Abraham and his descendants required to do (vv. 9–10)?

Males were to be circumcised.

39. What is circumcision?

The rite or ceremony of circumcision involves cutting off the fold of skin covering the end of the male organ, the penis. This was to be the sign of the *blood* covenant between God and Abraham and his descendants. The blood comes from the wound caused by the incision.

40. Are the spiritual children of Abraham and male believers in Christ still required to be circumcised in the flesh (Acts 15:2–35)? Yes No (Underline One)

Read Acts 15:1–29 from your Bible. This passage details the Jerusalem Council where the apostles and elders decided that Gentile believers do not need to be circumcised. Verses 10–11 and 19–20 are particularly relevant: Acts 15:10–11 "Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are." Acts 15:19–20: "It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood."

Read Genesis 17:21 and answer questions 41–42:

But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you [Abraham] by this time next year." Genesis 17:21

41. Who were the birth parents of Isaac?

Abraham and Sarah

42. With whom did God establish and continue His covenant?

Isaac

Read Romans 9:8–12 and answer questions 43–45:

In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. ⁹ For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son." ¹⁰ Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. ¹¹ Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: ¹² not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." Romans 9:8–12

43. Isaac and Rebekah had twin boys named Esau and Jacob. Which one of the two did God call to carry forth His covenant with Abraham (v. 12b)?

Jacob

44. What is the reason stated in Scripture that the younger brother Jacob was elected or chosen by God (vv. 11–12a)?

In order that God's purpose in election (choosing) might stand.

45. Why or why are you not Abraham's offspring and child of God (Galatians 3:6–9)?

Personal answer, but hopefully the answer is yes with clear understanding that Scripture is clear that all those who place their faith in Jesus Christ are Abraham's offspring and a children of God.

Bible reference in question 43:

So also Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." ⁷Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. ⁸Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." ⁹So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. Galatians 3:6–9

Action Step—Self-Awareness

Self-awareness is knowing and understanding ourselves so that we can pray and cooperate with the Holy Spirit in becoming like Jesus. In order to disciple others, it is important that we continue to grow in all areas of our walk with the Lord. One way to do that is to become aware of areas that need improvement by asking and answering questions about specific spiritual areas.

46. What has God revealed to you through studying these first 4 covenants?

Personal Answer

47. How have you grown closer to our covenant God?

Personal Answer

48. What will you do differently after thinking deeply about God and these covenants?

Personal Answer

—End Day Four—

Day Five Mosaic Covenant

Fifth Covenant: Mosaic Covenant

Read Exodus 19:1–6 and answer questions 49–51:

On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. ² After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. ³ Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴ 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." Exodus 19:1–6

49. Three months after leaving Egypt, where did the Lord lead the Israelites (vv. 1–2)?

Desert of Sinai

50. Moses went up on Mount Sinai to hear from God. What did the Lord want the house of Jacob and the people of Israel to know and understand (vv. 4–6)?

The Lord wanted them to obey Him fully and keep His covenant so that out of all nations the people of Israel would be His treasured possession. Although the whole earth belongs to God, He wanted these people to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation for Him.

51. How is verse 6 similar to what Christians are called to be under the New Covenant (1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:5–6)?

In Jesus, we are chosen to be priests and a holy nation serving God and declaring His praises.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Revelation 1:5–6 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father— to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

52. How are *you* living up to your New Testament calling into the priesthood of believers?

Personal Answer

53. Read Proverbs 3:1–4. What advice might you give yourself from reading and meditating on this passage?

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, ²for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. ³Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Proverbs 3:1–4

Personal Answer

54. Are you part of God's righteous remnant? Yes No (Underline One)

Personal answer, but hopefully the answer is yes with a clear understanding of what this means.

55. In question #54, if you answered no, what will you do to make sure that you are part of God's righteous remnant?

Personal answer, but all answers rely on our faith and trust in Christ.

Three Main Parts of the Mosaic Covenant

(Ten Commandments, Moral and Social Regulations, and Levitical Priesthood)

(1) The Ten Commandments

56. Read Exodus 20:1–17 and Deuteronomy 5:6–21 in your Bible. Briefly list the ten ways God commanded the Israelites to obey and follow Him.

1. No other gods before God 2. No idols or carved images

3. Do not misuse/in vain God's Name
4. Keep the Sabbath holy; observe it

5. Honor your mother and father 6. Do not murder

7. Do not commit adultery 8. Do not steal

9. Do not say or testify falsely against neighbor 10. Do not covet/desire your neighbor's things

Exodus 20:1–17 And God spoke all these words: ² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³ "You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. ⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by

keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³ "You shall not murder. ¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ "You shall not steal. ¹⁶ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. ¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Deuteronomy 5:6–21 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ⁷ "You shall have no other gods before me. ⁸ "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 9 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, $\frac{10}{10}$ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. 11 "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. 12 "Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither vou, nor vour son or daughter, nor vour manservant or maidservant, nor vour ox, vour donkey or any of your animals, nor the alien within your gates, so that your manservant and maidservant may rest, as you do. 15 Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day. 16 "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you. 17 "You shall not murder. 18 "You shall not commit adultery. 19 "You shall not steal. 20 "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. 21 "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife. You shall not set your desire on your neighbor's house or land, his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

57. Are we expected to follow the Ten Commandments today? Why or why not?

Yes, we are expected to follow the Ten Commandments today because Jesus confirmed all of these commandments with His teachings and parables. With the Sabbath, He expounded (explained) on what it means to keep the Sabbath holy, such as doing good deeds as the Father leads. However, He never said that His followers should not observe the Sabbath. Now the Sabbath in Hebrew is Saturday. However, as Christians we observe our holy day on Sunday because Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday and made all things new from the "Fall." (Getting hung up on the actual day of the week would lead us into legalism and this is not what God intended)

(2) Moral and Social Regulations

Read Exodus 22:21–23 and answer questions 58–59:

"Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt. ²² Do not take advantage of the widow or the fatherless. ²³ If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry." Exodus 22:21–23

58. Why do you think God reminded the Israelites, "for you were foreigners in Egypt," when instructing them not to mistreat foreigners?

Personal answer but the Israelites should be able to relate and empathize with foreigners living in their land because they were foreigners living in Egypt. They would know firsthand the pain and suffering they received at the hands of the Egyptians for no good reason.

59. Does Jesus teach us to show kindness and mercy to those outside our community, group, or social club? (See Luke 6:27–35) <u>Yes</u> No (Underline One)

Jesus taught us to love our enemies and do good to those who hate you. And when God says not to mistreat a foreigner, He isn't even saying that the foreigner is an enemy or is someone who is mistreating others. Jesus also taught about who our neighbor is in the parable of The Good Samaritan. This would also come into play, making Exodus 22:21–23 all the more pertinent to the Christian walk.

After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, ²⁸ and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. ²⁹Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. ³⁰But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners? ³¹Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ³²I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." ³³They said to him, "John's disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking." ³⁴Jesus answered, "Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? ³⁵But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast." Luke 5:27–35

—End Answers Day Five and Lesson 4—

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