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### A Covenant People

Judges 2:1-5

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 The Book of Judges

**Judges 2:1–5 (NIV)** — *1 The angel of the LORD went up from Gilgal to Bokim and said, "I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land I swore to give to your ancestors. I said, 'I will never break my covenant with you, 2 and you shall not make a covenant with the people of this land, but you shall break down their altars.' Yet you have disobeyed me. Why have you done this? 3 And I have also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; they will become traps for you, and their gods will become snares to you.' "* **4** *When the angel of the LORD had spoken these things to all the Israelites, the people wept aloud, 5 and they called that place Bokim. There they offered sacrifices to the LORD.*

**Central Thought:** We enter into the promises and purposes of God when we respond to him on \_\_\_\_\_ terms, accepting his \_\_\_\_\_ - giving love, protection and provision and \_\_\_\_\_ exclusively to his \_\_\_\_\_ -affirming authority.

### The Old Covenant...Based on Law

❖ \_\_\_\_\_: We come to God \_\_\_\_\_ on his terms.

**Exodus 20:1–3 (NIV)** — *1 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.*

**Deuteronomy 7:5–6 (NIV)** — *5 This is what you are to do to them: Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones, cut down their Asherah poles and burn their idols in the fire. 6 For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.*

❖ Hesed ( \_\_\_\_\_ ): God gives himself to us solely for our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Exodus 19:5–6 (NIV)** — *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."*

**Deuteronomy 7:7–9 (NIV)** — *7 The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. 8 But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.*

### New Covenant...Based on Grace

❖ Through Christ, God has done for \_\_\_\_\_ what we could not do for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jeremiah 31:31 (NIV)** — *31 "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. (See also Jeremiah 31:31-34)*

**Matthew 26:27–28 (NIV)** — *27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

❖ Through the Holy Spirit, God has enabled us to \_\_\_\_\_ for him.

**Romans 8:1–4 (NIV)** — *1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

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