

OLD MADE NEW - Pt 11
“When God Cuts A Deal”
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A God who is unlike other Gods
A people who are unlike other people

Exodus 3:8 “So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey.”

Leviticus 20:24 “I have said to you, ‘You are to possess the land, and I Myself will give it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey.’ I am the Lord your God who has separated you from the peoples.”

Genesis 12:1-3 “Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Covenant = To _____

Genesis 15:1-3 “After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.”

Genesis 15:4 “Behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.”

Genesis 15:5-6 “And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.”

Genesis 15:7-8 “And he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess. ⁸ But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?”

Genesis 15:9-10 “He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰ And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half.”

Genesis 15:17-18 “When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,”

2 Problems we face:

1. Can I really _____ God?
2. _____?

Mark 14:22-24 “And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body, broken for you.” ²³ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴ And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

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LOOK IN:

1. In Genesis 15, Abraham asks God how he will be the father of many nations if he is childless. How does God prove He can be trusted? Do you have things in your life you have been hoping for that seem impossible? What dreams do you have that feel they could never happen?
2. Sometimes grace is misunderstood as God not holding people accountable for their behavior. Pastor Harlyn said, “Love & Grace changes everything.” We see the evidence of that when some of our behaviors are instantly changed by the presence of God’s love and grace. However, most of us still have other habits that need re-form. Do you have desires, practices, behaviors, or attitudes in your life that are in the process of moving toward a new, godly way of being? How do you continue to have grace for yourself and others throughout that process?
3. We often describe ourselves using age, gender, and ethnicity. Though these help to explain our experience in the world, they do not describe our core being, like how we relate to our Creator. How does your relationship with God shape your identity? How does your view of yourself impact how you view God?
4. God teaches us to be an uncommon people who extend grace to others. When you do so, how do you mirror the Kingdom of God? How do you caring for others either actively or passively?