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A BLOODY HALLOWEEN SERMON

EXODUS 24.1-8, HEBREWS 10.19-25

After delivering the 10 commandments and telling the Hebrew people that his angel will lead them into the Promised Land, God confirms the covenant with them by way of a strange ceremony of sacrifice and blood.

The writer of Hebrews refers to the ceremony (chapters 9-10) of Exodus 24 to explain **God's New Covenant** with his people today. There is a new, once and for all-time sacrifice...and the sprinkling of blood.

What is the meaning of this new covenant for us today?

1. We **BELONG** to God.

*To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, **who have been chosen** according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and **sprinkled with his blood...*** 1 Peter 1.1-2

2. We **ARE "OK"** with God.

3. We can **GO TO** God with **CONFIDENCE** and without **FEAR**.

...we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus... with the full assurance that faith brings... Hebrews 10:19, 22

4. We are **FREED UP** to become the people God has created us to be.

...having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Hebrews 10:22

Now that we've been "sprinkled" and are part of this new covenant with God, what does the writer of Hebrews encourage us to do now?

1. **WORSHIP GOD!**

...draw near to God with a sincere heart... Hebrews 10:22

...not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing... v25

2. In faith, **HANG ON** to God's promises.

Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going.

Hebrews 10.23 MSG

3. **ENCOURAGE OTHERS** to do the same.

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but **encouraging one another—and all the more** as you see the Day approaching.*

Hebrews 10.24-25

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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