

“Only Christ Can Bring Peace” (Part 4)
“Our Word Matters”
2 Samuel 21:1-14

“Breaking a covenant made in God’s Name brings dishonor to God’s Name. It says, ‘God cannot be depended on, He is not faithful, He is not reliable or trustworthy.’ Because God keeps His Word, His people keep their word.”

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain” (Exodus 20:7). “O LORD, who shall sojourn in Your tent? Who shall dwell on Your holy hill?... (he) who swears to his own hurt and does not change” (Psalm 15:1,4). “Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil” (Matthew 5:37). “But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your ‘yes’ be yes and your ‘no’ be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation” (James 5:12).

- Joshua 9:1-27
 - *“But when the inhabitants of Gibeon **heard** what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai....” (cf. Joshua 9:1-2,24)*
 - *“So the men took some of their provisions, but **did not ask counsel** from the LORD.”*
 - *“And Joshua made peace with them and **made a covenant** with them, to let them live, and the leaders of the congregation swore to them.”*
 - *“But the people of Israel did not attack them, because the leaders of the congregation had **sworn to them by the LORD**, the God of Israel.”*
 - *“This we will do to them: let them live, **lest wrath be upon us**, because of the oath that we swore to them.”*
 - *“So they became cutters of wood and drawers of water for all the congregation, just as the leaders had said of them.” — **they became slaves.***

- 2 Samuel 21:1-14
 - *“Now there was **a famine** in the days of David for three years....” (cf. Amos 4:7-11)*
 - *“And David sought the face of the LORD.”*
 - *“There is **bloodguilt on Saul and on his house**, because he put the Gibeonites to death.”*
 - *“Although the people of Israel had **sworn to spare them**, Saul had sought to **strike them down....**”*
 - *“And (David) said, ‘**What do you say** that I shall do for you?’”*
 - *“And David gave them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them on the mountain **before the LORD**, and the seven of them perished together. They were put to death in the first days of harvest, at the beginning of barley harvest.” (cf. Deuteronomy 21:22-23)*
 - *“And they did all that the king commanded. And **after that God responded** to the plea for land.”*

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of March we are collecting monetary donations for the Bobbs. They are a missionary family living and serving in Cambodia, spreading the gospel and meeting the physical needs of the people in their surrounding areas. For more information about the Bobbs and their work in Cambodia, please see the board at the back of the sanctuary. There is a container on the back table to collect your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for the Bobbs.

★**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS:** Don't forget to turn your clocks forward THIS Sunday, March 10th, as we spring forward one hour!

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch *THIS* Sunday, March 10th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!

★**ANNIVERSARY SERVICE:** We will be celebrating our 7th anniversary as a church on Sunday, March 24th. This is a great opportunity to invite someone to join you for church that day, to hear the gospel and to celebrate with us!

★**EASTER SERVICE:** We will be having a Good Friday Service on Friday, March 29th, at 6:30pm. (There will be no Thursday service that week). Our Easter Service will be on Sunday, March 31st, at 10:30am. *There will be no childcare for the Easter Service.* These are both great opportunities to invite someone to hear the gospel as we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

★**LEGACY PRACTICUM:** NEW COURSE: Old Testament Synthesis (Survey) will be starting THIS Monday, March 11th – April 29th, this is an Eight Week Course with 24 Lecture Hours. Old Testament Synthesis: An Old Testament survey Bible study is a type of Bible study that covers the main themes, events, and characters of the Old Testament, which consists of the first 39 books of the Bible. It is a way of getting an overview of the historical and theological background of the Old Testament, as well as its connection to the New Testament and the Christian faith. An Old Testament survey Bible study can help you understand the context and purpose of each book, as well as the major teachings and prophecies that are relevant for today. If interested let Elder Richard know so we can prepare a Syllabus.