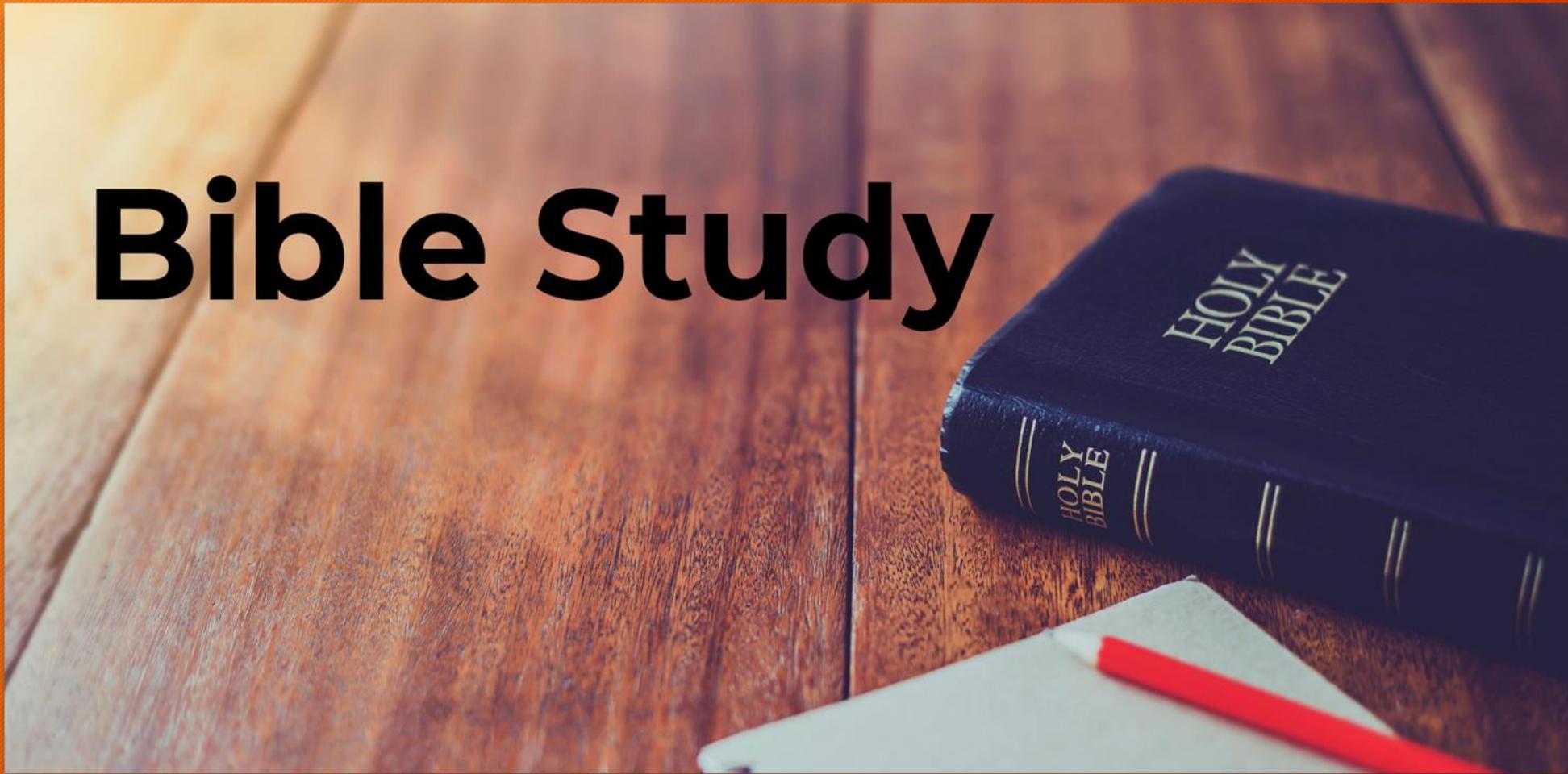


Bible Study



Leviticus 26 BLESSINGS AND CURSES

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- Done now with law giving and the establishment of holy rituals.
- Chapter 26 sort of stands back and says: **IF** you will **FOLLOW** what I've told you to do then there will be many blessings heaped upon you. If you do **NOT** follow what I've told you to do, then there will be much punishment.
- God's justice was then and is now; a 2-way street or justice loses all meaning.

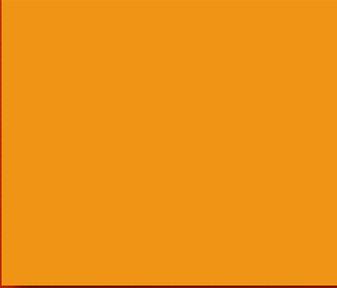
I will establish a **COVENANT**

between me and you and your descendants after you
throughout their generations
for an everlasting covenant

TO BE GOD

to you and your descendants after you







- **The Bible, from start to finish, is a covenantal book, and covenant always contains blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience.**

Genesis 3:15

Genesis 3:16

Genesis 3:23-24

Genesis 6:7

Genesis 12

Deuteronomy 28:21-27

Joshua 24:15

Joshua 24:20



Leviticus 3-13

The Promises of God

God promises His divine protection for Israel when they take possession of the Holy Land of Canaan, if the covenant people will live in obedience to Yahweh's Law.

- **Rain will come at the right time needed to grow crops.**
- **The soil will be fertile and yield crops and fruit trees will yield fruit.**
- **Harvests will be plentiful, and they will always have enough to eat.**
- **They will live secure in the land and will have peace.**
- **God will rid the land of beasts of prey.**

- **Enemy armies will not conquer the land.**
- **When Israel fights her enemies, she will be victorious.**
- **The numbers of their people will increase.**
- **God will uphold His covenant.**
- **God will continue to dwell among His people.**

Concluding Observations

- **God promises to reward his people with both spiritual and physical blessing if they are faithful to the requirements of the covenant.**
- **These promised blessings were for material prosperity (rain and harvests), and spiritual blessings (peace, victory over their enemies, and fruitfulness (children))-all in accord with the covenant promises.**
- **These were provided because of the presence of the Lord among them.**

- **God reminds the Israelites that God alone is responsible for their freedom and that God wants to rain blessings on them and walk among His people.**
- **All they have to do is fulfill the first “if” – honor the Lord alone and walk in His ways.**

➤ **In sum, because of the covenant the Lord dwelled among his people; and as they lived faithfully before him, he blessed them with the fulfillment of the covenant promises.**

8 Reasons Why Obedience to God Is Important

- **1. Jesus Calls Us to Obey**
- **2. Obedience Is an Act of Worship**
- **3. God Rewards Obedience**
- **4. Obedience to God Proves Our Love**
- **5. Obedience to God Demonstrates Faith**
- **6. Obedience Is Better Than Sacrifice**
- **7. Disobedience Leads to Sin and Death**
- **8. Through Obedience, We Experience the Blessings of Holy Living God.**

What does this mean for us today?

- **Christians already belong to this new covenant because they have come to the faith in Jesus the promised Messiah.**
- **The responsibility to obey the Lord is expected.**
- **The promise is sure, but any participation in the promise and any benefits from it depend on the obedience of faith.**
- **To the faithful the promise continues of ultimate victory over the enemies, a permanent place with Christ in glory, and the enjoyment of a new heaven and earth (Acts 3:25; Eph. 1:3).**

Curses for Disobedience to the Covenant

“But if you will not listen to me and carry out all these commands, and if you reject my decrees and abhor my laws and fail to carry out all my commands and so violate my covenant then I will do this to you: 26:14-15 NIV

This too is God's promise.

The Hebrew Concept of “Curse”

- **Curse – Hebrew: ‘aror – to remove the influence of God.**
- **is simply that of removing or banishing a person from the place of blessing.**
- **without the blessing of divine protection and provision, the people would have a difficult time in this world.**
- **they were left to their own devices-and therein lay the curse.**

- **This word carries with it a sense of divinely imposed misfortune.**
- **He withdraws His mighty hands of protection and blessing from you thus allowing evil from some ungodly source to bring destruction in your life.**
- **The Lord could very well have intervened but He chose not to.**