

LENT † 2021

COVENANT RENEWING GOD

JEREMIAH 31:31 - 34
PSALM 51:1 - 12

Warming up

How do you respond to warnings? What about promises?

Read Jeremiah 31:31-34

1. What's your understanding of the word 'covenant'? What are the similarities and differences between the covenants we have studied over Lent?
2. In verse 31, the LORD declares 'the days are coming'. Do you think this has already happened, or is it happening soon, or is it still far away? Why?
3. Describe the distress God expresses in verse 32. How seriously should we take this?
4. God promises to 'put the law in their minds and write it on their hearts' (verse 33). As Christians, does the law apply to us? Why/why not?
5. Do you see the promises of Jesus present in this passage? (Remember that Jeremiah prophesied approx. 600 years before Jesus).
6. How can we see God as both promise maker and promise keeper in this passage?
7. How significant is it that the Lord will 'forgive their wickedness and remember their sins no more' (verse 34)?
8. What can we learn about God's faithfulness from this passage?

Read Psalm 51:1-12

9. How can we understand verse 9 in light of Easter?
10. How can we play our part in God continuing the process of 'creating in me a clean heart'? How can we continue to welcome the process of sanctification?

Rubber hits the road

As we get closer to Easter, think about the promises you have made during Lent, and how well you think you've been able to keep them. How can the promise of Jesus' death and resurrection at Easter further influence your actions this week?

Pray: *Loving, living God, you are King of kings and Lord of lords. Thank you that your promises are trustworthy and true. Thank you that you renewed your promises through the messages you gave to Jeremiah and thank you that you renewed your promises through Jesus. Help us to love you with our whole hearts and to write your promises on them. Help us to love our neighbours as we love ourselves, because the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are all yours. Amen!*

