

ULC Sermon Study Resource
Ancient Future // Old Covenant/New Covenant
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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: Have you had any trouble getting through the snow and cold this winter?

Reading: Hebrews 9:11-22

Outline:

1. Atonement (11-12)

- Animal sacrifices as outlined in the Old Testament cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper.
- Even after we repent of our sins, we still continue to sin, just like those who sacrificed animals on the Day of Atonement
- Jesus is both the priest and the sacrifice. Through his sacrifice, you are eternally redeemed.

Q: What can/do you do to sacrifice for the good of others in your life?

2. Covenant (13-14)

- How we treat others is important because it matters what decisions we make in life.
- Our lives are filled with greed, lust and temptations that try to make us believe that we can decide what is best for ourselves.
- God won't tolerate sin and guilt that drive us away from a life with him.

Q: What does God's covenant mean to you?

3. Death (15-17)

- In Jesus, through his death and resurrection he pours out grace upon grace. He atones for your sin and guilt.

- God is a God of superabundance. He doesn't demand equivalence. He doesn't demand you self-justify.
- Stop trying to atone for your sin but instead hand it over to Jesus

Q: How can you hand your problems over to God instead of holding them for yourself?

Reflection/Application Questions:

1. What do you think about the covenant now that it has been brought more to light?
2. How do the traditions of the Old Testament differ from the New Testament?
3. What is God saying about the death and resurrection of Christ?

Suggestions for further study:

- Romans 3:1-26 (What can this teach us about God's Righteousness?)
- Genesis 15 (How does God continue to uphold the covenant that he made with Abraham?)
- Romans 5:6-11 (How does God still show his love and reconciliation through Jesus' death and resurrection?)

Closing Prayer:

Dear Lord, Thank you for this time that we get to take out of our day to spend time in your word. We pray that you help us understand the true power that your covenant holds. Even though we are still held up with temptations and sins in our lives, we ask that you would still shine above all and guide us in our spiritual lives. It is in the name of Jesus that we pray, Amen.