

## Old & New Covenant Blessings

Leviticus 26:1–13

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Sermon Outline

Notes:

### I. Introduction: Children's Sermon

#### John 3:19–21

<sup>19</sup> And **this is the judgment**: the light has come into the world, and *people loved the darkness* rather than the light *because their works were evil*. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

<sup>21</sup> **But** whoever *does what is true comes to the light, so that* it may be clearly seen that *his works have been carried out in God*.

#### Key Idea

*God secures a peaceful, joyful, prosperous home for His people who remain loyal to Him by trusting in Jesus.*

### II. The Blessings of Yahweh's Presence

#### A. Covenant Loyalty...

#### Leviticus 26:1–3

<sup>1</sup> “**You shall not make idols** for yourselves or erect an image or pillar, and you shall not set up a figured stone in your land to bow down to it, for **I am the LORD your God**.

<sup>2</sup> You shall **keep my Sabbaths** (Cf. Exodus 31:12–17) and **reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD**.

<sup>3</sup> “**If you walk in my statutes** and observe my commandments and do them...

#### B. Covenant Blessings

##### 1. Plenty of Food (26:4–5)

#### Leviticus 26:4–5

<sup>4</sup> ...then I will give you your **rains in their season**, and the land shall yield its increase, and the trees of

the field shall yield their fruit. <sup>5</sup> *Your threshing shall last to the time of the grape harvest, and the grape harvest shall last to the time for sowing. And you shall eat your bread to the full and **dwelt in your land securely.***

## 2. Peace in the Land (26:6)

### **Leviticus 26:6–13**

<sup>6</sup> I will give **peace in the land**, and you shall lie down, and *none shall make you afraid.* And I will remove harmful beasts from the land, and the sword shall not go through your land.

## 3. Power over Enemies (26:7–8)

### **Leviticus 26:7–8**

<sup>7</sup> **You shall chase your enemies**, and they shall fall before you by the sword. <sup>8</sup> Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase ten thousand, and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

## 4. Made Fruitful (26:9–10)

### **Leviticus 26:9–10**

<sup>9</sup> I will turn to you and make you **fruitful and multiply** you and will *confirm my covenant* with you. <sup>10</sup> You shall eat old store long kept, and you shall *clear out the old to make way for the new.*

## 5. God will Live with His People (26:11-13)

### **Leviticus 26:11–13**

<sup>11</sup> **I will make my dwelling among you**, and *my soul shall not abhor you.* <sup>12</sup> And **I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.** <sup>13</sup> **I am the LORD your God**, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves. And I have *broken the bars of your yoke* and made you walk erect.

Echoes of God's covenant with Abraham are picked up in the formula which declares that the Lord will **'be your God, and you shall be my people'** (26:12; cf. Gen. 17:7–8). This personal relationship between God and Israel lies at the very heart of the divine covenant. In this the agreement is unlike the ancient political treaties but more akin to a marriage...<sup>1</sup> (Bold the author's)

### III. God is among Us...

#### A. Be Holy

#### 2 Corinthians 6:16–7:1

<sup>16</sup> What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For ***we are the temple of the living God***; as God said, **"I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."** <sup>17</sup> Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then *I will welcome you*, <sup>18</sup> and *I will be a father to you*, and *you shall be sons and daughters to me*, says the Lord Almighty." <sup>1</sup> Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

#### B. Eternal Security with God

#### Revelation 21:1–4

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a ***new heaven and a new earth***, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, **"Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people,** and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> *He will wipe away every tear* from their eyes, and *death shall*

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<sup>1</sup> **Eveson, P. H.** (2007). *The Beauty of Holiness: The Book of Leviticus Simply Explained* (p. 380). Darlington, England: Evangelical Press.

be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

### **1 Corinthians 3:16–17**

<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.

C. Eternal Food...

### **Revelation 22:1–2**

<sup>1</sup> Then the angel showed me the *river of the water* of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, **the tree of life** with its *twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month*. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

D. Covenant Loyalty: Trust Jesus!

### **John 3:16–18**

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that *whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life*. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> **Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already**, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.