

The image is a full-page background featuring a scenic landscape. In the foreground, a calm lake reflects the surrounding environment. The middle ground is dominated by a dense, dark green forest that covers the slopes of mountains. In the background, more mountain peaks are visible, some partially shrouded in mist or low-hanging clouds. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. Overlaid on the center of the image is a graphic consisting of a solid white circle and a larger dashed white circle. The word "WELCOME" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font between the two circles. Two small white dots are positioned on the horizontal line passing through the center of the circles, one on each side of the text.

WELCOME





Shofar Christian Church

A NEW COVENANT THROUGH CHRIST JESUS

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burru: the establishment of a legal situation by a testimony with an oath

bittu: translated as “to bind, fetter (a chain or manacle used to restrain a prisoner, typically placed around the ankles)”

The Baker Bible dictionary

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Exod. 15:1

And Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. 2 “There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.

1 Sam 2:1

*Oath: liability and obligation associated
with the relationship*

*Testimony: contents of the two tablets of
stone (Exod 31:18) received by Moses
from God at Mount Sinai.*

*The Ark of the Covenant identified as the
“ark of testimony”*

*Refers to the obligation placed upon the
nations in covenant with God.*

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Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶ who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

2 Cor 3:5-6

¹⁷For it is witnessed of him, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” ¹⁸For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness ¹⁹(for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God. ²⁰And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, ²¹but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: “The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, ‘You are a priest forever.’”

Heb 7:17-28

²²This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. ²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Heb 7:17-28

²⁶For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Heb 7:17-28

⁶But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. ⁷For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

Heb 8:6-7

*so Christ, having been offered once to
bear the sins of many, will appear a
second time, not to deal with sin but to
save those who are eagerly waiting for
him.*

Hebrews 9:28

Small group discussion: Covenant = Relationship

- 1. Evaluate your covenant with Christ and let the small group pray with you. Repentance is key.*
- 2. What is your biggest challenge in spending time with the Lord?*
- 3. Talk about practical ways to improve your quiet time with Jesus.*
- 4. Challenge:*
 - a) Select an accountability partner for the next 2 weeks*
 - b) You both then will contact each other daily to find out if you have set out time and kept to that time for quiet time with the Lord.*
 - c) Set a faith goal for yourself spiritually that you trust the Lord for. Do not make it impossible and write it down. Give feedback after the 2 weeks.*
 - d) James 1: 5-6*
 - a) If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.*