

Jeremiah: It's the Last Hour
Extravagant Love & Intimate Knowledge
Jeremiah 31:31-40
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Exodus 24:1-8 — **3** *Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do."* **4** *And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.* **5** *And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord.* **6** *And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar.* **7** *Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient."* **8** *And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."*

1. Respond to God's "I WILL'S". Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jeremiah 31:31-40 — **31** *"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,* **32** *not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord.*

John 17:11 — **11** *And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.*

33 *For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.* **34** *And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."*

...Ezekiel 36:25-27 — **25** *I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.* **26** *And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.* **27** *And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.*

Romans 3:24-26 — **24** and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, **25** whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. **26** It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Hebrews 10:17 — **17** then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Spurgeon—Brethren, do not forget the great love which, when the plan was struck out, provided the august person for the working out of that plan? "He spared not his own Son, but freely delivered him up for us all."

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2. Rejoice in God's **IMMUTABILITY & IMMENSITY**. Jeremiah 31:35-37

35 Thus says the Lord, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar— the Lord of hosts is his name: **36** "If this fixed order departs from before me, declares the Lord, then shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before me forever."

. **Romans 8:38-39** — **38** For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

37 Thus says the Lord: "If the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth below can be explored, then I will cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done, declares the Lord."

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3. Rest in God's **TRANSFORMED PLACE**. Jeremiah 31:38-40

38 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when the city shall be rebuilt for the Lord from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. **39** And the measuring line shall go out farther, straight to the hill Gareb, and shall then turn to Goah. **40** The whole valley of the dead bodies and the ashes, and all the fields as far as the brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be sacred to the Lord. It shall not be plucked up or overthrown anymore forever."

Luke 22:14-20 — **14** And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. **15** And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. **16** For I

tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” 17 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. 18 For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” 19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

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Let’s talk about extravagant love & intimate knowledge...

1. What was the Old Covenant that God had made with the house of Israel and Judah (cf. Exodus 19-24)?
2. Why did God need to make a New Covenant with His people (v.32)?
3. Why was Israel’s breaking of the Old Covenant such a bad thing (v.32)?
4. What will God do in the New Covenant for His people (v.33)?
5. Why wouldn’t God’s people need to teach others to “Know the Lord” when He makes the New Covenant (v.34)?
6. What makes the New Covenant possible (v.34)?
7. What two arguments does the LORD make to prove that the New Covenant will never be broken (v.35-37)?
8. When the LORD rebuilds His city, what is it that makes the city sacred (v.40)?
9. What makes the New Covenant so much better than the Old Covenant?
10. When it comes to the New Covenant, what is the part that is required of the believer in Jesus?