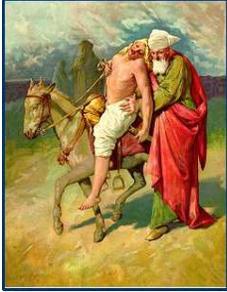

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*"May
the
Lord
show
you*

His favor and give you peace."

(Nu. 6:26)

A SCARLET THREAD COVENANT

Each year, Christmas seems to come sooner. I rarely feel prepared. Perhaps one reason is because holidays bring families together. That is not always a good thing for those who have unhappy family memories. That is why the Christian counseling office gets very busy before and after a holiday, especially Christmas. Yet, God's plan from the beginning to future days is to bring us an eternal Kingdom of peace through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Bringing about peace in The Kingdom of God encompasses righteousness, love, forgiveness, prosperity, safety, health, protection, fruitfulness, and abundance. This does not mean that our current life will be perfect. It means that if we learn to walk in a covenant blessing with God, we have the potential of living a higher quality of life on Planet Earth.

A covenant is like a business contract that you make with another company. You are agreeing to supply them with a product or service. In the contract they are agreeing to give you a payment that is greater than your investment. Within the contract there are stipulations that if the product does not meet quality control standards, payment will be withheld.

God made a covenant or contract with Adam & Eve. Because they did not fulfill their part of the agreement, they lost many rights and privileges which included eviction from their home, the Garden of Eden. In recent language you could say Adam & Eve's home was foreclosed.

The next major covenant contract was between God and Noah, and later a covenant with Abram, later called Abraham. Further into the Old Testament God made other covenant contracts with the Hebrews and others. In every one, if the stipulations to God's offer were not met, consequences of a broken contract became evident. In every covenant contract there was one golden rule, obedience to God.

What makes the New Testament covenant with God so different? Since man/woman is sin natured, there was no way that he/she could totally fulfill a covenant contract with God. God is perfectly righteous and we are not. You might ask, "What was God thinking? He should know that we are not going to meet His quality controls." Well, God, being all knowing and all powerful, already knew the end result of each and every covenant contract with us sluggards.

Like a Master Tailor, God was weaving a Scarlet Thread (Genesis 3:21; Genesis 4:2-5; Exodus 12:7-13; 24:8; Leviticus 17:11; Joshua 2:18; John 1:29, 6:51-56; Hebrews 9:7, 19-27; 10: 9-10, 19; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 1:5) with every generation, preparing the way for one final covenant contract (a covenant woven through eternity). "This is the scarlet thread of redemption that began with the blood of covering in the Garden of Eden and finds its ultimate and final consummation in the blood-washed throng before the throne of God in glory"¹

To work through our devastating problem of being sin natured, God infused a part of Himself into the womb of a young woman whose lineage goes all the way back to the beginning.

On that late night in Bethlehem, the God man (fully divine and fully human) was born of a virgin. His name is above all names, his power greater than all the earth's Kingdoms. Jesus Christ, the Messiah for all who trusts on Him (Matthew 10:32; Luke 12:8; John 3:16, 18, 36; 6:40; 11:25; Romans 10:9; 14:9; Philippians 2:11; Acts 16:31; 1 John 4:9-10; Revelations 1:5...) This is God's final solution, an unbroken covenant contract with His creation, you and me.

We do not need to know the exact day Jesus Christ was born; for now, we celebrate His birthday on Christmas.

A new dispensation of God's unconditional love has been birthed in the little town of Bethlehem. "*The Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting*" (Psalm 100:5).

Dr. Pierre J. Samaan

¹ W. A. Criswell, Ph.D., "The Scarlet Thread of Redemption," p. xvi, *The Criswell Study Bible*

A PRAYER OF CELEBRATIONAL CONFESSION

Blessed Lord, You have said You greatly love us.
You gave life to us in creation, and despite their rebellion,
in animal skins, did You clothe our first parents.
To cover their sin, blood was shed for the first time.
From that moment on, as if signing Your Name,
a Scarlet Thread was woven, for all to know.
A thread that was woven,
from our first parents of creation,
to the cross of Christ.
A covenant of unending love, have You demonstrated to us.
In the little town of Bethlehem, my Savior was born.
Prepared this You did, from when time began.
United we are to be, for eternity.
Bewildered were those of the world, of Your Scarlet Thread.
By Your chosen was Jesus Christ, Messiah, declared to all.
To all the angels of heaven above,
Your Word does say, He will in like manner declare me today.
Unto the power of Your Spirit, I do submit.
Lord of my life, I confess Jesus Christ.
In the name of the Father, Son, & Spirit, will I give praise.
In celebration of Christ's birth, I gratefully pray this today.
Dr. Pierre J. Samaan

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As we come to the end of 2011, we do so with a deep sense of thanksgiving and gratitude to God through his Son and our Savior, Messiah Jesus. When we're in God's plan and hands, it is always a good year.



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God Bless!

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NEW RESEARCH FINDINGS

Attending Religious Services Lowers Depression Risk And Raises Optimism

People who go to religious services routinely are 56% more likely to view life positively and 27% less likely to have symptoms of depression, researchers from Yeshiva University reported in the Journal of Religion and Health. Read article at:

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/237541.php>

Eating Fish Can Reduce The Risk Of Diabetes

A study analyzes the dietary patterns of the adult Spanish population with high cardiovascular risk. The results reveal a high consumption of both red meat and fish. However, whilst eating lots of cured meats is associated with greater weight gain and a higher obesity rate, the consumption of fish is linked to lower glucose concentrations and a smaller risk of developing diabetes. Read article at:

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/releases/237544.php>

Risk-taking Behavior Rises Until Age 50

Willing to risk your knowledge, skills and monetary reward in competition? If you are under age 50, you've probably not reached your competitive peak. If you are older, that peak is behind you. Read article at:

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2011/11/111110130102.htm>

Volunteering, Helping Others Decreases Substance Use In Rural Teens

A new study from the University of Missouri found that rural adolescents who engage in prosocial behaviors, such as volunteering and helping others, are less likely to use substances as young adults. Read article at:

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2011/11/111110151703.htm>

Can Fetus Sense Mother's Psychological State? New Study Suggests Yes

As the fetus grows, the fetus can hear the mother's heartbeat and music the mother plays towards the belly. Now, researchers have found that if the mother is experiencing mental illness such as depression, chemical messages from the placenta can adversely

affect the child after birth. Read article at:

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2011/11/111110142352.htm>

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