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UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

Mar. 18 Whose mind is in you?
Mar. 25 To whom shall we go?

SUNDAY PM

Mar. 18 Denominations (#360)
Mar. 25 The cost of our salvation (#361)

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

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To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Pardon, Pete Darling, Rusty Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Jean Reeder, Cheryl Akers, Kathy Briggs, Betty Jo's aunt, Erin's father, Robert Vanalstine, Jo Matheny, Jimmy Mortimore, John Mortimore, Jim Loper, Jewel Warfield

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: Phil. 3:5-8 **PM:** Gal. 1:6-9

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

March 18 – Potluck and military package
March 25 – Business meeting and singing night
March 30 – Seminar at Webberville, 7-9 p.m. Michael Golwitzer speaking.

I HAVE MADE A COVENANT WITH THE LORD

Charles Coats

A “pact”; an “agreement”; a “league”; an “oath”. All of these words are synonyms of the word “covenant”. When one enters into a covenant, there is an agreement made to the other party. A pact is made that says the person will fulfill all the conditions of the agreement.

It may be that the two vow to be “Friends Forever” or that two people who get married promise “Till death do us part”. Whatever the conditions of the covenant, there is an agreement to be faithful to the covenant.

A Christian is one who has made a covenant with God. We have promised that Jesus would be Lord of our lives (Acts 8:37) and we would be his servants (Gal. 1:10). Our part of the covenant is to faithfully fulfill our promise to

God.

In Job 31:1, Job stated “I have made a covenant with my eyes” It was because of this that he would not let his eyes dwell upon those things which were contrary to the will of God. He would diligently fulfill the agreement he had made with God. He had devoted himself to faithfulness.

When the children of Israel realized they were in violation of God's word, they said, “Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God ...” (Ezra 10:3). They realized that if they were going to be faithful to God they would have to first make a pact with God. They would have to come into agreement with God. To do this, their hearts would have to be devoted to God.

When a covenant is made with God, we must be faithful to the covenant. As Christians, we promised that Christ would be king of our lives and we would wholly follow him. This is what our confession stated. God expects us to keep our word (Num. 30:2; Deut. 23:21; 1 Cor. 4:2; Phil. 4:8).

When we think about our lives and examine our lives by God's word, how are we measuring up to the covenant we made with God? Do we need to renew the covenant? It may be that we have left our first love and gone after the things of the world!

Think about how we feel when someone promises us they will do something for us, and then they do not fulfill their promise. Think about how we feel about this when we find out they could have helped us, but chose to use their time helping someone else. We are not happy with this and that person loses credibility with us.

Do we dare to think that God is going to accept us when we should have been faithful to him, yet we did other things?

Do we need to renew our covenant with God?