

CHRISTMAS ISN'T CANCELED - WE'RE JUST WAITING!
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1st Week of Advent – Waiting in Hope

December 3, 2020

Text: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Meditation:

With these words, Jeremiah is foretelling the time when there will be an entirely new way to worship God. This will be a radical change from the manner in which the people were relating to God.

The Old Covenant, which was made with the people of Israel, would be replaced by one made for all people. The Old Covenant was a covenant of law and rules. God dwelled in the Most Holy Place of the Tabernacle and the High Priest would enter once each year to offer a blood sacrifice for the atonement for the sins of the people. God never intended for Old Covenant to be permanent. He always had a plan for the New Covenant.

The New Covenant would be one in which God dwelled in the heart of each person. It would be a personal relationship with God and Jesus. One could talk with and consult with God at any time. Sins would be forgiven any time the sinner confessed to God. His rules for living and serving would be in the hearts of each person. Jesus would be the Messiah through whom all could attain salvation. He would be a God of love, mercy, grace and hope. We wait in this hope as we wait to celebrate the arrival of this Messiah.

Imagine hearing Jeremiah tell you that your current way of worshiping God would give way to an entirely new way. What thoughts would go through your mind? What questions would you have? What would be your reaction?

How does the New Covenant offer you hope?

Prayer:

Lord, we are so grateful that we are able to have a personal relationship with you. You are available 24/7 to hear us as we tell you our blessings, concerns, hopes – whatever is on our minds. You are truly an awesome God. Amen

