

Praise and Worship + Intercessory Prayer

Praise and Worship (20 minutes)

2 worship songs; 2 theme songs (please choose 2 songs):

1. *Same God*
2. *Promise Keeper*
3. *Way Maker*
4. *A New Covenant*

ICEBREAKER (10 minutes)

After doing an icebreaker, please explain the value that you learn from the icebreaker.

Title: Higher Way

Instruction: The cell leader asks the cell members to share their experiences about making a covenant with God.

Value: The covenant made with God is powerful and will be fulfilled when we do our part.

SHARING THE APPLICATION OF THE WORD OF GOD (50-60 minutes)

Goal: all members could do and experience the truth of the Word of God.

Question: What are the theme and highlight of last week's sermon?

THE COVENANT OF GOD #1

HIGHER WAY

I. GOD HAS A HIGHER WAY.

- a. **Isaiah 55:8-9** **8** *“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. 9* *“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.*

• **TO BE VICTORIOUS IN 2023, WE HAVE TO WALK IN THE BRIGHT ROAD.**

- b. **2 Samuel 22:31a** *As for God, His way is perfect;*

• **PERFECT MEANS THE BEST!**

- **GOD’S WAY IS SOMETIMES FULL OF CHALLENGES, BUT THE END IS VICTORY AND GLORY!**

• **Exodus 13:17-18** **17** *Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, “Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt.” **18** So God led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt.*

- **FAST DOESN’T MEAN CORRECT. CORRECT DOESN’T MEAN FAST.**

• **Matthew 7:13-14** **13** *“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. **14** Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.*

II. GOD’S WAY IS CONTAINED IN HIS COVENANT.

- **Psalm 25:12-14** **12** Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. **13** He himself shall dwell in prosperity, And his descendants shall inherit the earth. **14** The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.
 - **Psalm 25:10** All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.
- **GOD OFTEN USES COVENANT TO MAKE A DEAL WITH US.**
 - **Genesis 6:17-18** **17** And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. **18** But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.
 - **WHY DOES GOD MAKE COVENANTS WITH US?**
 1. **TUHAN MENGASIHI MANUSIA.**
 - **1 Samuel 18:3** Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.
 - **BECAUSE HE LOVES US SO MUCH.**
 2. **GOD DOESN'T WANT TO FORCE US.**
 - **GOD WANTS US TO DO OUR PART IN THE COVENANT WITH FULL OF AWARENESS AND LOVE.**
 3. **GOD WANTS US TO LEARN ABOUT COMMITMENT.**

III. **4 PRINCIPLES OF GOD'S COVENANT.**

1. **IT IS THE ULTIMATE KEY TO LIVING A SUCCESSFUL AND HAPPY LIFE.**
 - **Deuteronomy 28:1-3** "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. **2** And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God:**3** "Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.
2. **THE COVENANT WRITTEN IN THE BIBLE IS FOR ALL PEOPLE AND ALL AGES.**
 - **Deuteronomy 29:10-15** **10** "All of you stand today before the Lord your God: your leaders and your tribes and your elders and your officers, all the men of Israel, **11** your little ones and your wives—also the stranger who is in your camp, from the one who cuts your wood to the one who draws your water— **12** that you may enter into covenant with the Lord your God, and into His oath, which the Lord your God makes with you today, **13** that He may establish you today as a people for Himself, and that He may be God to you, just as He has spoken to you, and just as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. **14** "I make this covenant and this oath, not with you alone, **15** but with him who stands here with us today before the Lord our God, as well as with him who is not here with us today
 - **BIBLE IS THE ONLY BOOK THAT IS RELEVANT FOREVER BECAUSE ALL OF GOD'S COVENANT WILL ALWAYS STILL BE VALID.**
3. **THE COVENANT CANNOT BE CHANGED, BROKEN, NOR REMOVED.**
 - **Isaiah 54:10** For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," Says the Lord, who has mercy on you.
 - **Psalm 89:34-38** **33** Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him, Nor allow My faithfulness to fail. **34** My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. **35** Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David: **36** His seed shall endure forever, And his throne as the sun before Me; **37** It shall be established forever like the moon, Even like the faithful witness in the sky." Selah
4. **RESPOND TO THE COVENANT OFFERED TO US.**

- **Leviticus 26:42** *then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember; I will remember the land.*

QUESTION: Have you experienced the goodness of God when you faithfully do your part in God's covenant? Please share!

APPLICATIONS: What commitment will you make after listening to the Word? Write it down.

Prophetic Prayer (10 minutes)

The leader of prayer invites gives courage and leads the members to pray together.

1. Great harvest and 1 million warriors.
2. Unity in Indonesia
3. God's mighty visitation and unity in Keluarga Allah Global.
4. The Senior Pastor, Ps. Obaja Tanto Setiawan, his family also other servants
5. The struggle of every congregation and the names are written on Harvest Card.

Question: From the sermon on Sunday, who has applied the Word of God into practice and experienced the grace of God during the week?

- *Members who have become doer and have experienced the grace of God are invited to share one by one.*
 - *If there is none to share their testimony or none of them has received any breakthrough though they have applied it in their daily life, then it's the "application sharing" leader and Cell Leader to testify (This is the importance of a cell leader to apply the Word of God in their life, to be the testimony for the cell member)*
- *Use the testimonies to:*
 - To uphold the Word.*
 - To show the advantage of becoming the doer of the Word.*
 - To know how the members can become the doer of the Word.*

To encourage all members to become the doer of the Word that all could receive the grace of God.

PLAN and TARGET (15 minutes)

Cell leader leads this section which aims to evaluate the cell group and to plan the next week's cell group.

CLOSING PRAYER (5 minutes)