

“Covenant Friend”

(Bible Study Notes)

“A man who has friends, must himself show himself friendly, but there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.” (Proverbs 18:24)

Friends – (**Rea** – Ray’-ah) = friend, companion, fellow, neighbor associate (Exo. 20:16, Lev. 19:13, Psa 15:3)

Friend – (**Ahab** – Aw-hab) – Human love for another; intimate, lover, sexual, human love for or to God, act of being a friend. (I Sam. 18:1) (Gen 37:3); to have affection for.

- 2 Chron. 20:7 – “Did thou not, O our god, drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and give it to the descendents of Abraham thy friend forever?”
- Proverbs 27:6 – “Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.”
- Isaiah 41:11 – “But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, descendent of Abraham My friend....”

**Of the four times Ahab (friend) is used, three refer to Abraham who was known as a friend of God.

- John 10:12: **Hireling** – “Misthoma” – one who only works for wages. A wage worker

Servant – “**Diakonos**” – servant or minister carries the idea of giving himself at great personal cost (2 Cor. 6:1-4)

“**Doulos**” – can be used as a P.O.W...or a servant who lives in obedience and self-less devotion to the will of another (see Isa 49-53)

Jesus, speaking covenant terms said to His disciples:

“This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.”

“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.”

You are my friends, if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you slaves (servants), for the slave (servant) does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed (ordained) you, that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you.” **(John 15:12-16)**

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you. By this is my Father glorified that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. Just as the Father has loved Me, I also love you; abide in My love. (For you) **(John 15:7-9)**

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Abide – (Meno) – A primary verb; to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy) – abide, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry (for)

God will give you what you need, but not what you want. True or False? _____

“Derivatives of Meno”

1. **Ana meno** – (362) To await, wait for
2. **Diameno** – (1265) To continue abiding; to carry through
3. **Emmeno** – (1696) To persevere, to stay in the same place
4. **Epimeno** – (1961) To continue in, tarry
5. **Katameno** – (2650) To remain or abide intertwined
6. **Mone** – (3438) An abode, place to stay
7. **Parameno** – (2650) To remain beside, endure
8. **Perimeno** – (4037) To stay around, wait for
9. **Prosmeno** – (4357) To abide with, continue with, face to face
10. **Hupomeno** – (5278) To be patient, endure trials and afflictions (under)

“A man with friends is to show himself friendly, and there is a lover adhering more than a brother!” (**Prov. 18:24 YLT**)

The #1 thing that we as believers must be convinced of without question is God’s love for us. Many people in ministry will go out of their way to basically tell you that you need to learn to love God, but before you or I can love God correctly and intimately, we have to be convinced of His love for us!

Agape – the highest form of love; a love that freely gives (charity); the steady intention of the will to another’s highest good, even to the point of sacrifice.

- John 4:19 – “We love Him because He first loved us.”
- John 3:15 – “Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” (Whoever believes in the Word of God should not be destroyed but know Father God and His Word.)

Epithumia – Legitimate physical desire (distorted form: lust)

Eros – Romantic love or sexual love (distorted Form: leads to illicit relationships, treating others as gods and sole sources of our personal needs)

Storge – Affection or belonging, as shared by family members (distorted form: disdain or ungratefulness; taking for granted)

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Phileo – Friendship and companionship, a love of openness that is occupied with common interests and activities (distorted form: manipulative relationships, one-upmanship)

Agape – A willful choice to put another’s interest above one’s own; an unselfish, giving (even to the point of sacrifice) and unconditional love - G.R.A.C.E. - “God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense”

Hesed (Hebrew) – Loving-kindness – (Chesed/Heced)

1. Carries the idea of faithful love in action and often in the O.T. refers to God’s loving-kindness expressed in His covenant relationship with Israel. (Hos 2:18-20, Isa 54:8-10)
2. See Genesis 3 – God shed blood to cover their nakedness (sin) when they tried and failed.
3. Hesed expresses both God’s loyalty to His covenant and His love for his people along with a faithfulness to keep His promises.

“Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!

Notice how frequent the word “Hesed” is connected with “Morning.”

- Psalm 59:16
- Psalm 90:14
- Psalm 92:2
- Psalm 143:8
- Hosea 6:4
- Lamentations 3:22-23

“When a lie is all that is known, the truth is inconceivable.”

“If you tell a big enough lie and tell it frequently enough, it will be believed.” (Adolf Hitler)

“History is a set of lies agreed upon.” (Napoleon Bonaparte)

“When a well packaged web of lies has been sold gradually to the masses over generations, the truth will seem utterly preposterous and its speaker a raving lunatic.” (Dresden James)

There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all argument which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance...that principle is condemnation (contempt) prior to investigation. (Herbert Spencer)