

What's New in the Chapel Collection?

Spirited Readings Series Review

From the Adoration Chapel Librarian



“I emphasize the twin themes of the covenant and family, because they touch us right where we live. The other reason for focusing on these closely related themes is because the Bible itself does.” This quotation from Scott Hahn’s **A Father Who Keeps His Promises** is the foundation for thirteen chapters of sit-down-in-your-living room comfort reading regarding Almighty God’s plan for humanity and its salvation. The text combines strong biblical scholarship with anecdotes cropped from headlines and popular culture all designed to reveal the joyous reality of God as a loving Father through His creation of the world, the establishment of a covenant with us, our breaking of God’s covenant, the necessity of God’s mercy and grace, and God becoming man in Jesus Christ providing the solution to our sin. Further, this solution is made manifest by Christ’s institution of the Eucharist, His crucifixion, His glorious resurrection, the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ’s apostles and disciples, the reality of the universal Church as God’s international family, and finally the wondrous truth of all of us as God’s children treading the challenging pilgrim’s path to eternal life-- at home with our creator.

Dr. Hahn dedicates the book to his Monday afternoon Scripture class, and as Perpetual Adorers, we can join these sessions simply by selecting a chapter dressed with clever biblical word play. An example is chapter eight entitled ‘Israel’s Calf-Hearted Response’ which is packed with Old Testament verses and understandable comparisons to the Articles of Confederation and the Declaration of Independence. In it Hahn wittily links that historic list of grievances and bold pronouncement of separation and freedom to the immortal Ten Commandments, defined as “Israel’s formal Declaration of Dependence on God. Just as the Confederation Articles are superceded by the Constitution, the Deuteronomic Covenant replaces the Book of the Covenant making Deuteronomy a

kind of 'Constitution' for Israel as the Lord God positions His people to become a "holy nation."

Whether electing to start at the beginning with 'Scripture, the First Love Story' or 'Splitting the Adam,' the endless love of the Father for his restless and wayward children is continually revealed in the bankable promises of the Almighty. One of his greatest promises fulfilled for all of us is His Church, a universal place of healing, sacraments, liturgy and saints. Yes, saints. Despite our faults and failures, God's children are the saints who find trust and love in a Father who keeps His promises.

A Father Who Keeps His Promises: *God's Covenant Love in Scripture* by Scott Hahn ISBN 978-0-89283-289-5
Scott also co-authored with his wife, Kimberly, **Rome Sweet Home** which is found with the Spanish language books in the Adoration Chapel collection.