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SOSJ – 6 - Catholic Authors of the 20th Century: Scott Hahn
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Exodus 24:3-8

Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, “All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.” And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve pillars, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel. He sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed oxen as offerings of well-being to the Lord. Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he dashed against the altar. Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people, and said, “See the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

Questions

1. Scott Hahn’s doctoral dissertation was on the topic of covenant, specifically biblical covenant, and he credits his studies on covenant as the key to his conversion. The heart of Hahn’s work on covenant is that it establishes a familial relationship between God and man. How many ways can you think of that demonstrate this familial aspect of our relationship with God?
2. The Old Testament and the New Testament should properly be called the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. What’s to keep God from establishing yet another covenant?
3. The starting point for Scott Hahn’s journey towards becoming a Catholic was when he became convinced that contraception is sinful. How would you explain to a non-Catholic Christian why contraception is sinful?
4. Scott Hahn criticizes the Protestant doctrine of *sola scriptura* (scripture alone) as being non-scriptural. Why should the fact that *sola scriptura* isn’t in the bible matter as far as whether *sola scriptura* is a valid doctrine or not? After all, the word *Trinity* can’t be found in scripture, yet the Catechism of the Catholic Church says that “[t]he mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life.”