

**GOD HAS A PLAN FOR EVERY  
PART OF YOUR LIFE**

**(Our God is a Covenant God)**





# COVENANT AND THE FAMILY

**Week 8**

# REVIEW: ELEMENTS

- *What are the elements of a covenant?*
  1. Parties
  2. Condition
  3. Promise or Blessing
  4. Penalty or Curse



# REVIEW: COVENANT OF GRACE

1. Parties
2. Condition
3. Promise/Blessing
4. Penalty/Curse

1. God and Christ
2. Faith in Christ
3. God is our God  
Forgiveness of sins
4. God always fulfills!



**UNCONDITIONAL OR CONDITIONAL?**

**YES!**



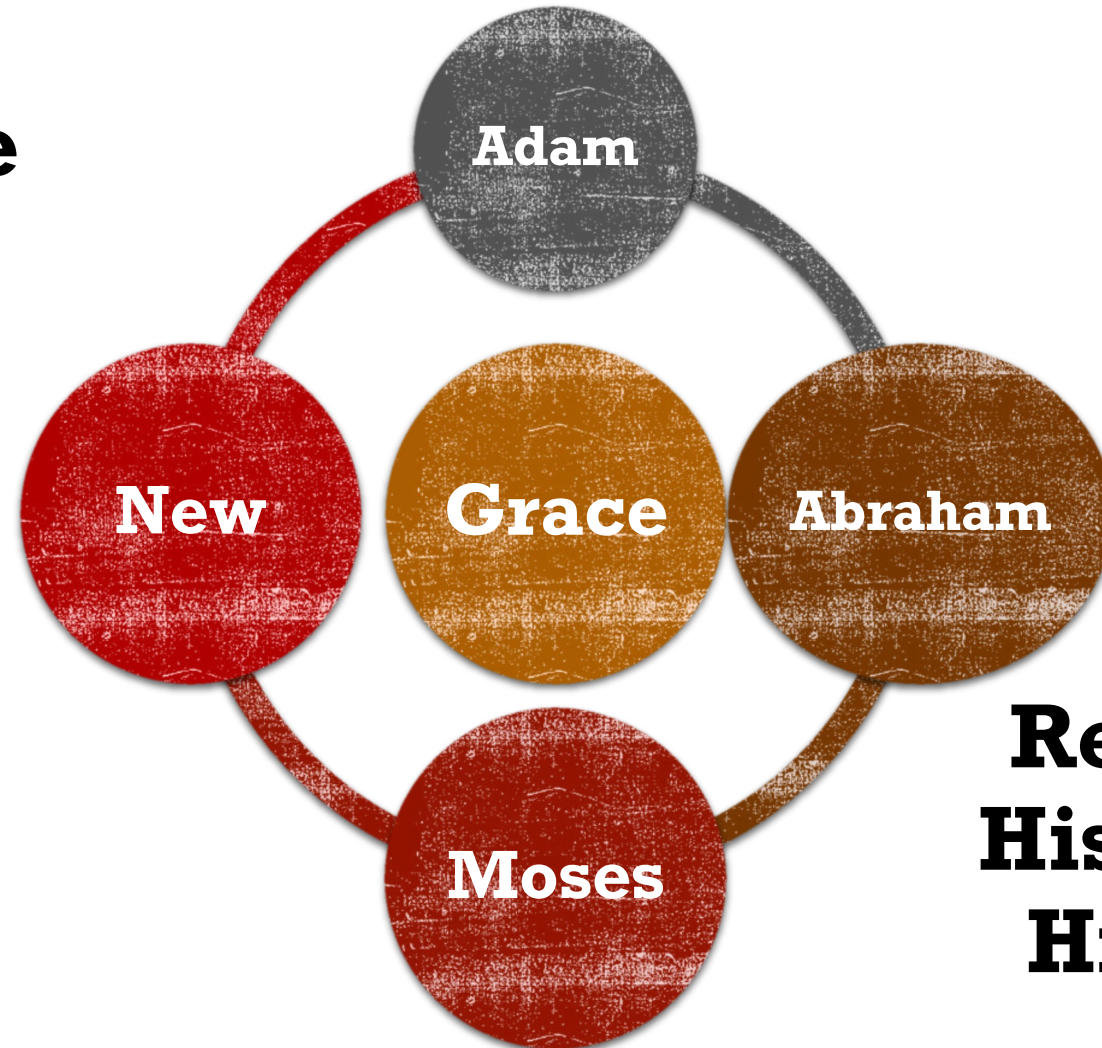
# REVIEW: HOW IS THAT?

## ASYMMETRICAL SYNERGISM



# REVIEW: A CENTRAL THEME

**God has one  
purpose in  
history**



**Revealing  
His glory in  
His grace**



# REVIEW: ORGANIC UNITY







# **REVIEW: COVENANTAL MARRIAGE**

# THE COVENANT AND MARRIAGE

Why should we study marriage in the context of God's covenant?

- Marriage is covenantal
- If God relates covenantally, shouldn't we strive to as well?



# MARRIAGE IS AN ILLUSTRATION

- Of God's covenant with His People
- Of Christ's covenant with His Church
  - Isaiah 54:5
  - Jeremiah 3:14
  - Hosea 2:19-20
  - Ephesians 5:23-32
  - 1 Corinthians 11:1-4



# MARRIAGE IS COVENANTAL

- Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?  
**(2 Corinthians 6:14)**
  - Deuteronomy 7:1-4
  - Joshua 23:12
  - Ezra 9:11-12

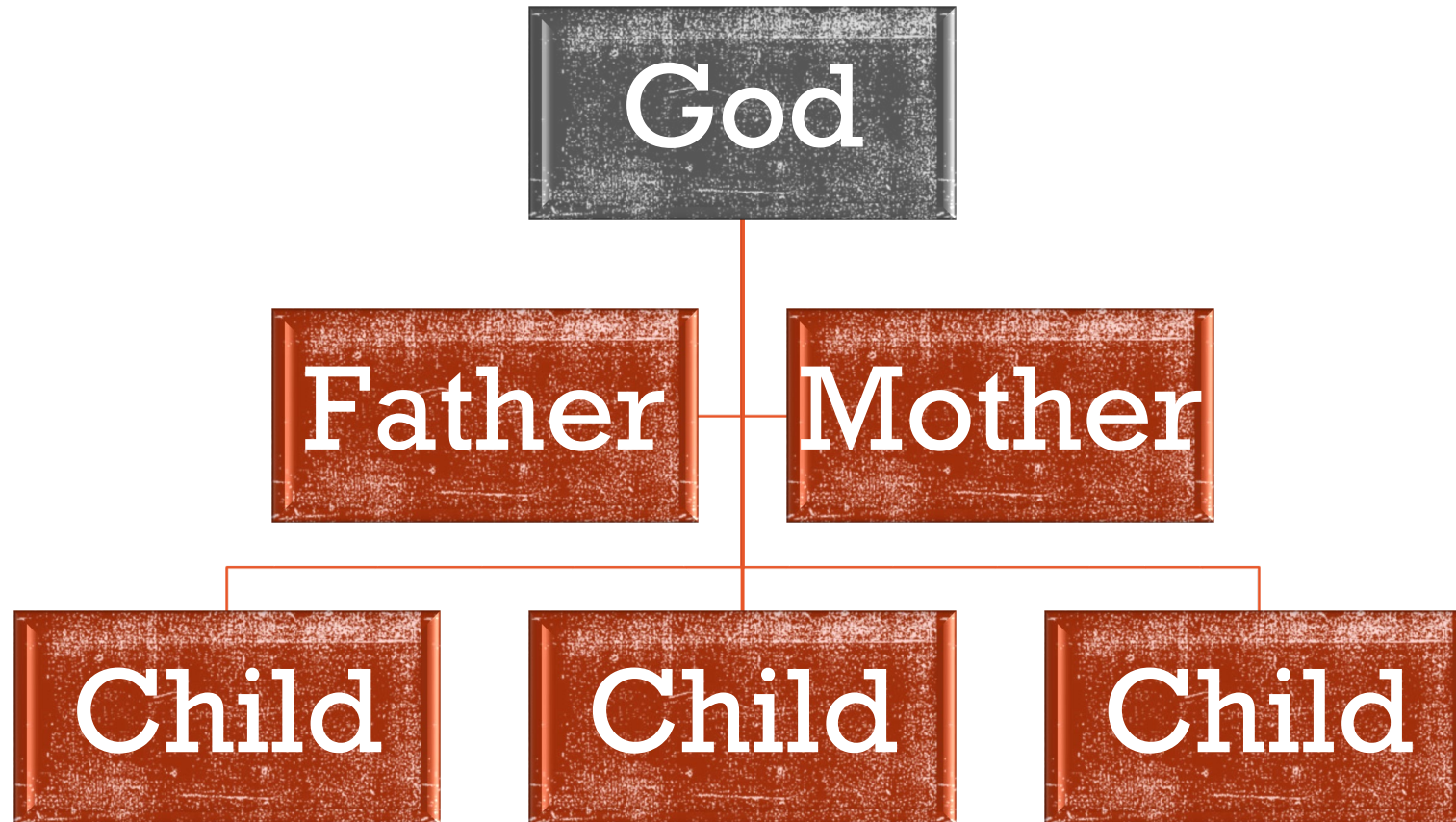




# **COVENANTAL FAMILIES**

**Relating to each other  
based on God's relating to us**

# WHAT IS THE FAMILY?



# GOD'S FAMILY: BEGINNING WITH O.T.

- For you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.  
(Isaiah 63:16)
- But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.  
(Isaiah 43:1)
- Hosea 11



# GOD'S FAMILY: NT

- But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become **children** of God, (**John 1:12**)
- and I will be a father to you, and you shall be **sons and daughters** to me, says the Lord Almighty.” (**2 Corinthians 6:18**)
- and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the **children of God** who are scattered abroad. (**John 11:52**)





# GOD'S FAMILY: ADOPTION

- He predestined us for **adoption** as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, (Ephesians 1:5)
- Galatians 4:4-5



# GOD'S FAMILY: BE DIFFERENT

What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty." (2 Cor. 6:16-18)



# FATHER: GENERAL DUTIES

- **Headship**

- For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being  
(Ephesians 3:14-16)

- **Raising Children** (Deuteronomy 6)



# FATHER'S DUTY: TO SPEAK

- **Teaching and Instruction (Deut. 6)**
- **Tell of God's Faithfulness**
  - The living, the living, he thanks you, as I do this day; the father makes known to the children your faithfulness. (**Isaiah 38:19**)
  - things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. (**Psalms 78:3-4**)



# FATHER'S DUTY: TO ACT

- Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (**Ephesians 6:4**)
- Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. (**Colossians 3:21**)



# FATHER'S DUTY: IMPORTANCE

- He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, (**1 Timothy 3:4**)
- Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well.  
(**1 Timothy 3:12**)



# MOTHER'S DUTY

- and so train the young women to love their husbands and children (**Titus 2:4**)
- I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. (**2 Timothy 1:5**)



# CHILDREN'S DUTY

## Respect

- Cursed be anyone who dishonors his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'  
(Deut. 27:16)
- they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.'" (Deut. 21:20)





# CHILDREN'S DUTY

## Build up relationships

- for the son treats the father with contempt, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house. (Micah 7:6)
- If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! (Matthew 7:11)



# A COVENANTAL ENVIRONMENT

## BLESSING

- Faithfulness
- Covenant Relationships
- Unity in the Home

## CURSING

- Adultery
- Divorce
- Polygamy



# HOW CAN I FALL DOWN ON THE JOB?

- Being a bad influence
- Indulging disobedience
- Showing partiality



# CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE?

- but have stubbornly followed their own hearts and have gone after the Baals, as their fathers taught them. (**Jeremiah 9:14**)
- But I acted for the sake of my name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I had brought them out. (**Ezekiel 20:14**)



# CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE?

- Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned two years over Israel. He did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

**(1 Kings 22:51-52)**



# CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE?

- Prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter.” (**Matthew 14:8**)



# EXAMPLES OF INDULGENCE

- Eli (1 Samuel 3)
- Samuel (1 Samuel 8)
- David (1 Kings 1)



# EXAMPLES OF PARTIALITY

- Isaac (Genesis 25:28)
- Jacob (Genesis 33:2; 37:3)





# POWER OF THE FAMILY: EVIL

- You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me (**Exodus 20:5**)



# POWER OF THE FAMILY: EVIL

- 'The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.'  
(Numbers 14:18)



# POWER OF THE FAMILY: GOOD

- 2 Chronicles 26:4; 27:2
- 2 Timothy 1:5



# RELATIONSHIPS, NOT MATH

- God can intervene
  - 1 Kings 12:2; 18:3; 22:2; 34:3
- It is not a formulaic
  - Following a rule + consistency = salvation
- But **REMEMBER** the promise

*To be a God to you and your children*



# NEXT WEEK:

- We apply a covenantal way of thinking to **work**
- Homework:
  - Genesis 2
  - Colossians 3

