

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

(Our God is a Covenant God)





COVENANT AND WORK

Week 9

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!



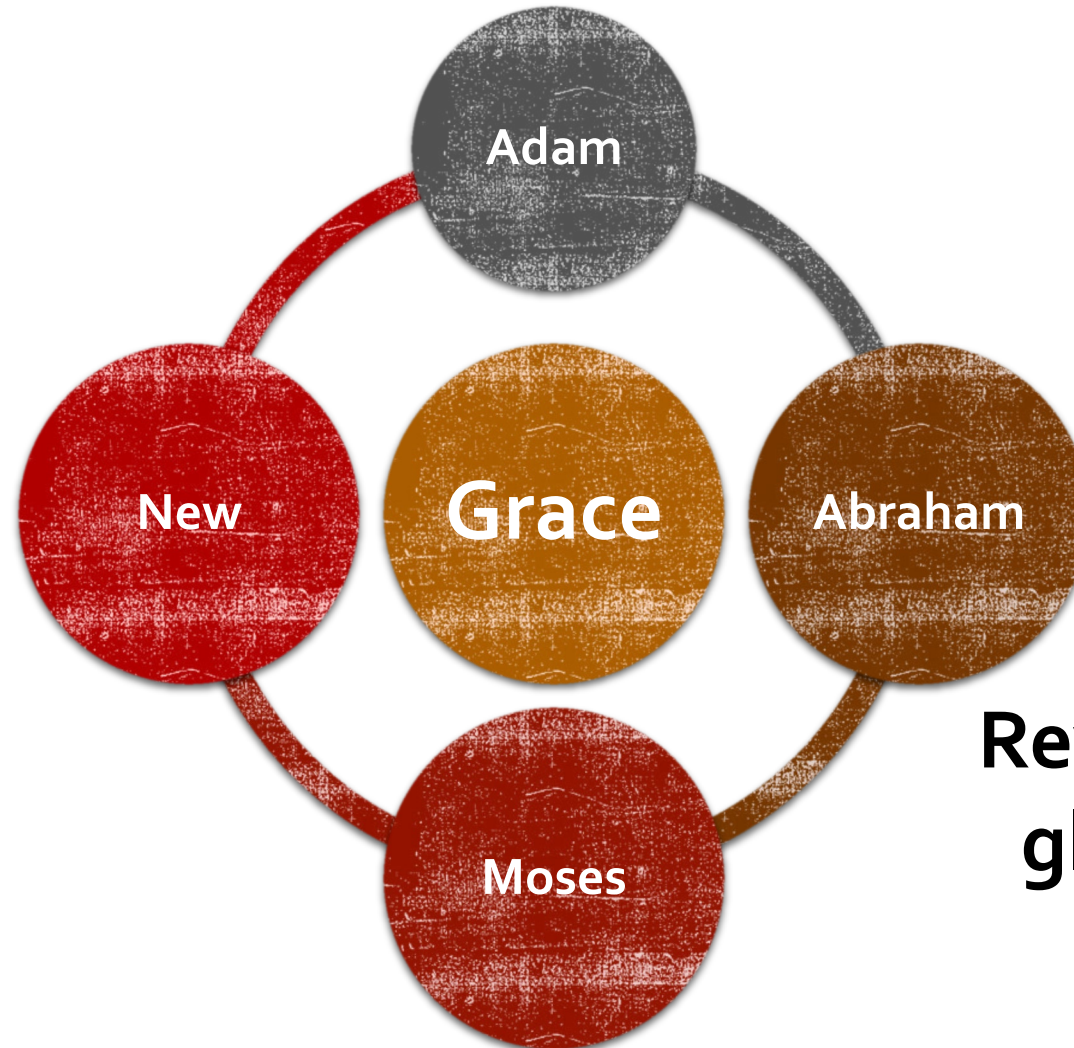
REVIEW: HOW IS THAT?

ASYMMETRICAL SYNERGISM



REVIEW: A CENTRAL THEME

God has one
purpose in
history



Revealing His
glory in His
grace





REVIEW: COVENANTAL MARRIAGE

Picturing Christ and His Church

MARRIAGE IS AN ILLUSTRATION

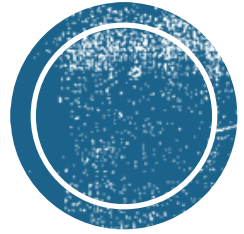
- Of God's covenant with His People
- Of Christ's covenant with His Church
 - Isaiah 54:5
 - Jeremiah 3:14
 - Hosea 2:19-20
 - Ephesians 5:23-32
 - 1 Corinthians 11:1-4



MARRIAGE IS COVENANTAL

- It is incorporated into God's Law
 - *You shall not commit adultery. (Ex. 20:14)*
 - *And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, (Mark 10:11)*
 - *For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. (Ephesians 5:5)*





REVIEW: COVENANTAL FAMILIES

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

GOD'S FAMILY: BLESSING / MODEL

- he predestined us for **adoption as sons** through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, (Ephesians 1:5)
- But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive **adoption as sons**. (Galatians 4:4-5)



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)

- **Tell of God's Faithfulness** (Psalm 78)



HOW CAN I FALL DOWN ON THE JOB?

- Being a bad influence (Ahab)
- Indulging disobedience (Eli/Samuel)
- Showing partiality (Isaac/Jacob)



A COVENANTAL ENVIRONMENT

BLESSING

- Faithfulness
- Covenant Relationships
- Unity in the Home

CURSING

- Adultery
- Divorce
- Polygamy





COVENANT AND WORK

Laboring for the Glory of God

DOES GOD CARE IF I WORK?

God designed us for Work!

- The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden **to work it** and keep it.
(**Genesis 2.15**)



DOES GOD CARE IF I WORK?

God designed us for Work!

- **Six days you shall labor**, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. (**Exodus 20:9–10**)



DOES GOD CARE IF I WORK?

Work glorifies God:

- So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
(1 Corinthians 10:31)



WORK IS COVENANTAL

Fulfilling God's will for us:

- Let the thief no longer steal, **but rather let him labor, doing honest work** with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. (**Ephesians 4:28**)



THE LINK TO FAMILY — COL. 3:17-23

- And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.



THE LINK TO FAMILY — COL. 3:17-23

- Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.



THE LINK TO FAMILY — COL. 3:17-23

- Slaves, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men (**Colossians 3:17-23**)



THE LINK TO EVANGELISM

- Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you **keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness** and not in accord with the tradition that you received from US.



THE LINK TO EVANGELISM

- For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because **we were not idle** when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but **with toil and labor we worked** night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you.



THE LINK TO EVANGELISM

- It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an **example to imitate**. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: **If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.**



THE LINK TO EVANGELISM

- For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.
(2 Thessalonians 3:6-12)



THE CHALLENGE

- Take a look at the life of Manasseh:
- 2 Chronicles 33:1-8
- Manasseh led Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem astray, to do **more evil than the nations** whom the Lord destroyed before the people of Israel. (**2 Chronicles 33:9**)



NOW LOOK AT THIS:

- God takes our provision for our families seriously:
- But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (**1 Timothy 5:8**)



NEXT WEEK:

- We apply a covenantal way of thinking to **evangelism**
- Homework:
 - John 15
 - Romans 5

