

*The Covenants of*  
Works & Grace

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# Lesson 2 Outline: *The Covenants of Works and Grace*

## I. The Creation Ordinances: *God's Foundational Life-Principles*

### 1. The SABBATH:

\*The *INAUGURATION* of the Sabbath (Gen.2:2-3)

\*The *PERMANENCE* of the Sabbath (Ex.20:8; Mk.2:27)

\*The *FUNCTION* of the Sabbath (Gen.2:3 with Mk.2:27)

\*The *SCOPE* of the Sabbath (Lev.25:1-12)

\*The *FULFILLMENT* of the Sabbath (Deut.12:9-10; Heb.4:3,8-9; Is.61:1-3 with Lk.4:18-21):

→ Question: Why do NT believers celebrate the Sabbath on Sundays (not Saturdays)?

→ Answer: Jesus' resurrection changed everything about the Sabbath

### 2. MARRIAGE:

\*The *INAUGURATION* of marriage (Gen.2:18-25)

\*The *ESSENCE* of marriage (Gen.2:24; Matt.19:5; Mk.10:7-8; Eph.5:31):

→ LEAVING

→ CLEAVING

→ BECOMING ONE FLESH

\*The *DIGNITY* of marriage (Gen.2:18; Heb.13:4)

\*The *DESIGN* of marriage (Gen.2:18; cf. 1:27-28; 1Cor.11:9-11)

\*The *DEFINITION* of marriage (Matt.19:4-6):

→ Jesus' words and **DIVORCE**

→ Jesus' words and **POLYGAMY**

→ Jesus' words and **HOMOSEXUALITY**

\*The *PICTURE* of marriage (Eph.5:25)

### 3. WORK (LABOR)

\*The *INAUGURATION* of work (Gen.1:28; 2:15)

\*The *BLESSING* of work (Ex.20:9; Ecc.5:12; 1Thess.3:10-12)

\*The *GOAL* of work (Gen.1:28)

\*The *LOCALITY* of work (Gen.2:15)

\*The *DIGNITY* of work (Gen.2:15)

### 4. SUMMARY:

\*Sabbath, marriage, and work are institutions God himself established at creation

\*God wants us to learn to glorify Him *in the midst of the ordinary*

## II. The First Created Being: *Who was Adam?*

### 1. Adam was a HISTORICAL FIGURE:

\*The *GENEALOGIES* of Scripture (Gen.5:3; 1Chron.1:1; Lk.3:38)

\*The *TEACHING* of Jesus (Matt.19:4-6)

\*The *PREACHING* of Paul (Acts 17:26)

\*The *DOCTRINE* of Justification (Rom.5:12-19)

## 2. Adam was a UNIQUE CREATURE:

\*Set apart from all other *ANIMALS*: Made **IN GOD'S IMAGE** (Gen.1:26)

→ Includes *Reason, Intellect, Conscience and Will*:

\*The things that set Adam apart from the beasts (Jms.3:9)

→ Includes *True Righteousness and Holiness*:

\*The things that set Adam apart for God (Eph.4:24; Col.3:10)

→ Illustration: a man standing in front of a mirror

→ Question: did humanity lose God's image at the fall? (Gen.9:6; 1Cor.11:7; Jms.3:9)

\*Set apart from all other *MEN*: Made **WITHOUT SIN** (Gen.1:31; Ecc.7:29)

THE FOUR STATES OF MAN (AUGUSTINE)

PRE-FALL MAN	POST-FALL MAN	REBORN MAN	GLORIFIED MAN
Able not to sin/ Able to sin	Not able not to sin/ Able to sin	Able (prone) to sin/ Able not to sin	Not able to sin/ Able not to sin
<i>Temporally free from sin</i>	<i>Enslaved to sin</i>	<i>At war with sin</i>	<i>Eternally free from sin</i>

## 3. Adam was a COVENANT REPRESENTATIVE:

\*Genesis 2-3 with Romans 5:12-21

## III. The Covenant of Works

### 1. The ESSENTIAL NATURE of the Covenant of Works:

\*Adam enjoyed a covenant relationship with God (Gen.1:28)

\*But Adam's standing hinged on his obedience (Gen.2:16-17)

## 2. The SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION for the Covenant of Works:

\*Scripture elsewhere describes covenants where the word isn't used

→ 2 Samuel 7 (Psalm 89); Psalm 105:8-10; Genesis 2-3 (marriage)

\*Scripture seems elsewhere to call God's relationship with Adam a covenant

→ Hosea 6:7

\*Scripture seems elsewhere to make this a necessary implication

→ Romans 5:12-19

\*Summary and Significance

\*Why the question matters

## 3. The BINDING REQUIREMENT of the Covenant of Works:

\*Genesis 2:16-17

\*A Simple Test: Would Adam Obey??

## 4. The UNIVERSAL SCOPE of the Covenant of Works:

\*Romans 5

\*Illustration: The Pilot of an Airplane; the Captain of a Ship

## 5. The PRESENT SIGNIFICANCE of the Covenant of Works:

\*The Covenant of Works has been completely shattered:

→ *It was based on a single test: Adam already fell, and there's no going back*

\*The Covenant of Works carries with it lasting effects:

→ *We're now born as guilty sinners under God's wrath*

\*The Covenant of Works represents what man still owes to God:

→ *God still demands our perfect obedience*

\*The Covenant of Works prepares the way for redemption:

→ It EXPOSES our *NEED* for redemption: *We fell when Adam failed*

→ It PROVIDES the *HOPE* of redemption: *Jesus triumphed where Adam failed*

## IV. The Fall of Adam

### 1. The ENTRANCE of sin: *How Satan Tempts*

\*He questions God's character (v1)

\*He contradicts God's Word (v4)

\*He perverts God's ways (v5)

→ *WHAT* Satan is saying

→ *WHY* this is ironic

→ *WHERE* was Adam, by the way?

### 2. The NATURE of sin: *What Sin Is*

\*Sin is Rebellion

\*From "Who are we" (Ps.8) to "Who is He" (Gen.3)

### 3. The EFFECTS of sin: *What Sin Does*

\*Sin created *DIVINE* discord:

→ Shame and defilement (2:25 ^ 3:7)

→ Guilt and fear (3:8-10)

\*Sin created *HUMAN* discord:

→ Genesis 3:12-13

→ Estrangement and blame-shifting

## V. The Fall of Mankind

### 1. The REALITY of Adam's covenant headship:

\*Adam's *CORRUPTION* was *IMPARTED* to us all when he sinned

→ Ecclesiastes 7:29; Genesis 6:5; John 3:19

→ We sin naturally because we have hearts that love sin

\*Adam's *GUILT* was *IMPUTED* to us all when he sinned:

→ Romans 5:12-21 speaking about imputed (not imparted) sin

→ The guilt of Adam's sin was imputed to all his posterity

\*Adam's *PUNISHMENT* was *DEALT OUT* to us all when he sinned:

→ Physical death is God's judicial penalty for Adam's sin (Gen.5)

→ Spiritual death is God's judicial penalty for Adam's sin (Eph.2:1)



→ So: Adam's corruption was imparted to us *because* Adam's guilt was imputed to us

## 2. Some ILLUSTRATIONS of Adam's Covenant Headship:

\*From *OUR WORLD*:

→ Your Nationality

→ Your Government

→ Your Household

\*From *THE SCRIPTURES*:

→ Ham, Canaan and the Canaanites (Gen.9:20-27)

→ Pharaoh and the Egyptians (Ex.1-11)

→ Achan and his family (Josh.7:16-26; 22:20)

→ The Amalekites in the days of Samuel (1Sam.15:1-3)

→ Seven descendants of Saul in the days of David (2Sam.21)

→ The leprosy of Naaman (2 Kings 5:27)

→ The gallows of Haman (Esth.9:13-14)

→ Daniel's accusers and the lions' den (Dan.6:24)

## 3. Answering OBJECTIONS about Adam's covenant headship:

\*We had the absolute best chance in Adam (*Much better than if we would do*)

\*We're in no place to argue about sin (*We sin every day*)

\*We're in no place to argue about fairness (*Salvation works the same way*)

\*We're in no place to argue with God (*He does what He pleases*)

\*We can trust in the character of God (*He is good*)

## VI. The Lord's Words to the Serpent, the Woman, and the Man

### 1. An INTRODUCTION:

\*God doesn't leave man alone after the fall

\*He draws them out with searching questions

### 2. God's Word to THE SERPENT (Gen.3:14-15):

\*The Lord curses the serpent

\*Matthew 25:41 and Revelation 20:10

### 3. God's Word to THE WOMAN (Gen.3:16):

\*First Aspect: An increase of *PAIN IN CHILDBIRTH*

\*Second Aspect: An increase of *TENSION IN MARRIAGE*:

→ The Wife will Desire to Rule over her Husband (cf. Gen.4:7):

\*Opposes God's Design for the Wife as *SUBMISSIVE HELP-MATE*

→ The Husband will Tend to Domineer over his Wife:

\*Opposes God's Design for the Husband as *SACRIFICIAL PROTECTOR*

### 4. God's Word to THE MAN (Gen.3:17-19):

\*The *NATURE* of Work: *Work will be Painful*

\*The *RESULT* of work: *Work will be Impaired*

\*The *DURATION* of work: *Work will Not End*

#### 5. God's Blessing IN CHRIST:

\*Jesus is making all things new, Revelation 21:5

→ Jesus gives GOSPEL HOPE to our *MARRIAGES* (Eph.5:22-23)

→ Jesus gives GOSPEL MEANING to our *WORK* (Col.3:23-24)

\*Still, we live in a fallen world, Romans 8:18-25

→ We long for the new heavens and new earth

## VII. The Promise of Redemption: *The Inauguration of the Covenant of Grace*

### 1. The SUBSTANCE of the promise of Genesis 3:15:

\**Enmity Between the Serpent and the Woman (Gen.3:15a):*

→ From enmity with God to enmity with the serpent

→ This is exactly what happens when Christ saves us

\**Enmity Between the Seed of the Serpent and the Seed of the Woman (Gen.3:15b):*

→ The seed of the *SERPENT*:

\*Children of the devil (1 Sam.2:12; Matt.3:7; Jn.8:38 ,41, 44)

→ The seed of the *WOMAN*:

\*In One Sense: BELIEVERS in Christ (Rev.12:17)

\*In Another Sense: CHRIST (Ps. 2)

\**Enmity Between the Seed of the Woman and the Serpent (Gen.3:15c):*

→ This is a Singular Seed: Christ the Redeemer

\*Christ would crush the serpent

\*But He would himself be bruised in the process

\*This looks forward to the cross

→ Through Christ, Satan crushed under feet of believers (Rom.16:20)

2. The BREADTH of the promise: *We Learn at least Four Truths from Genesis 3:15*

\*God would save man by sending a Savior

\*The Savior God sent would be fully human

\*The Savior would triumph over the work of the devil

\*The Savior would triumph over the devil through suffering

3. The RESPONSE to the promise: *Genesis 3:20*

\*Why does Adam name his wife Eve?

\*What does “mother of all the living” refer to?

4. The SIGN of the promise: *Genesis 3:21*

\*God clothes Adam and Eve with animals skins

\*A picture of how it is that God would accomplish redemption

\*Hebrews 9:22; Isaiah 53:4