

SINGLE ALLIANCE

The Covenants- Pt. 2- The Edenic and Adamic Covenants

I. Introduction

A. Last week we started a new series called The Covenants. We talked about what a biblical covenant is, the components and aspects of biblical covenants, and finally the purpose for them.

B. This week we will look at the Edenic and Adamic Covenants

C. The Edenic Covenant is the seed covenant for the everlasting covenant we will enjoy in eternity with God. The Adamic Covenant is the seed covenant for the rest of the redemptive covenants to follow after it.

II. The Edenic Covenant

A. The Words of the Covenant- Gen. 1:27-28

1. The Promises of the Covenant

a. Made in the image of God

b. Bear fruit and multiply

c. Subdue

d. Have dominion

e. This is God's plan for man both in naturally and spiritually.

You are not able to bear fruit until you know your identity in Christ- you are re-born into His image [Eph. 4:24]. You cannot subdue the sphere of influence God has for you until you start bearing fruit from abiding in Christ. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self-control are necessary to subdue the enemies in your life. You cannot exercise dominion over your area of influence until you have subdued it. This process all starts with being established in who you are in Christ and renewing your mind to your new identity which was created in the image of God. This will begin fruit-bearing, subduing, and having dominion.

2. The terms of the covenant- Gen. 2:16-17

a. **Eat freely** of all the garden except...- **grace focuses on all that you do have and what you can do.** Adam and Eve had everything in the garden but one thing. God revealed all that man did have FIRST before he told him what was not his. Satan will try to get you to focus on the few things wrong in your life,

our what you do not have, or should not have, and ignore all you do. Grace reveals all the richness of God that you can **freely partake** of through Christ. **Romans 8:32**

b. They were not allowed to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

c. Adam in his unfallen state did not know right from wrong. He had to simply believe God's Word for everything. Adam in his unfallen state did not rest upon his own intellect to decide what to do. He asked God and believed Him.

d. We are to operate in this manner- We have been given the Word of God and the Spirit of God to gain God's perspective in making right decisions. We then believe God and act accordingly trusting in His grace and we find His blessings.

B. The blood of the Covenant- Gen. 2:21

1. Adam was put into a deep sleep and his side is opened up. Blood was shed for this operation. From his side a rib was taken and his bride was built. He gave her his spare rib. This typifies Christ dying [seen in the deep sleep], his side being pierced, and the blood flowing from his side that was shed for the creation and building of the church- the bride of Christ.

2. Adam did not help at all in this. It was all the work of God. This reveals God's plan of redemption is all His work and man is but to receive it by faith. Today we receive from God because of His finished work and not our works. Our part is the obedience of faith.

C. The seal of the Covenant

1. The Tree of Life- This represents Christ. When we got saved we received the Tree of Life! We now have eternal life. Many would like to return to the garden, but the garden is now inside of you! We now are to bear the fruit of righteousness from this tree inside of us.

III. The Adamic Covenant

A. The promises of the Covenant- Gen. 3:15

1. Seed of the woman- is the promise of Jesus born of a virgin. Only men have seed.

2. seed of the serpent- Anti-Christ- Jesus will defeat Anti-Christ

3. Jesus crushed Satan's head- authority at the cross

4. Jesus heel was bruised at the cross

B. The blood of the Covenant- Gen. 3:21

1. An animal was slain and shed its innocent blood so God could make a covering for Adam and Eve. [I personally believe it was a lamb that was killed and God clothed them with the white wool.

This figures the Lamb of God- Jesus Christ that was slain to cloth us with His righteousness]

2. Adam seeing this taught his children of God's requirement of faith in the blood of an innocent sacrifice. Abel offered of his flock **BY FAITH. Heb. 11:4** Faith only comes by hearing. It was revealed to both Abel and Cain that God wanted a blood sacrifice. Abel obeyed in faith. Cain disobeyed in unbelief.

C. The seal of the Covenant- Gen. 3:21

1. The coat of skin - This represents God's own righteousness based upon blood of an innocent sacrifice. This represents Jesus and his righteousness based upon His finished work of redemption.

2. We as Christians are clothed in the robe of righteousness.

Isaiah 61:10

IV. Conclusion

A. Both of these covenants reveal that God does all the work of redemption- Adam sinned, God clothed Adam and Eve.

B. Both of these covenants reveal the way to approach God and how interact with Him- By faith in the sacrificial blood. This is the basis for our blessings from God.

C. Our obedience of faith is necessary to walk with God and to receive from Him daily. God's will was for Adam to listen to Him, believe him, and order his life from this faith. This is God's plan for us today.