

SINGLE ALLIANCE

The Covenants- Pt. 3

I. Introduction

A. Last week we talked about the Edenic and Adamic covenants.

B. This week we will look at the Noahic and Abrahamic covenants.

C. Each one of the redemptive covenants were given by God to reveal the work of Jesus Christ and the ultimate consummation of the new covenant. We can see pictures of Jesus and His finished work in all of these covenants. They were given as teaching aids for us to understand what and why Jesus would do for us on the cross.

D. These covenants reveal God's legal basis and desire for His blessing in our lives. Our faith and subsequent obedience of faith come in response of what Christ has done and accomplished for us. The blessings of God do not come based upon our merits, but the merits of the finished work of Christ. We receive them by faith in His finished work. Our faith will then bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. The blessings of God are released in and through us by bearing the fruit of the Spirit- love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.

II. Noahic Covenant- Gen. 6:14-22; 9:1-17

A. Words of the covenant

1. [**Gen. 6:14-22**]- Make an ark, and you shall be saved.

a. The ark was a type of Christ

1a. The ark of Noah was made of trees. Life comes out of death- live trees cut down dies. The implement for our salvation was a tree.

2a. This ark was pitched inside and out. The word "pitch" in Hebrew was also translated atonement. God's blood atones for our inward and outward sins.

3a. The ark was not of Noah's invention. It came from God. The plan of redemption came from God and not man's idea.

4a. The ark both received the judgment of God upon it and protected those within from it! So does Christ!

5a. The ark had only one entrance on it. Jesus is the only door of salvation.

6a. The opening was in its side. Jesus side was opened for us.

7a. Noah was invited to come into the ark; not told to go in. The word "come" means God's presence was in the Ark. We are invited into God's presence.

8a. There were three levels to it. Redemption is provided for our spirit, soul, and body by the trinity- The Father, Son, and Spirit as seen in Ephesians 1-3

b. [**Gen. 8:4**]- The ark rested on Mt. Ararat on the same day and month Jesus was resurrected- the 17th day of Nisan. The Passover Lamb was sacrificed on 14th day of Nisan. Jesus was raised three days later on the 17th. The ark coming out of the waters of judgment and resting on Mt. Ararat represents the

resurrection of Christ from the dead. Mt. Ararat means, "The curse has been reversed!" The curse was reversed when Jesus was raised from the dead! Life replaced death, healing replaced sickness, prosperity replaced lack, peace replaced turmoil.

2. [**Gen. 9:1-17**]- God blessed Noah and told him to be fruitful and replenish the Earth. This was the same thing he told Adam and Eve. Vegetarianism was ended! Capital Punishment was instituted. God promised never to flood the earth with a universal flood ever again.

B. Blood of the covenant

1. The clean animals were offered as a sweet smelling sacrifice- These were types of Christ and His sweet smelling aroma of His sacrifice to God. [**Eph. 5:2**]

2. Seven of each clean animal was taken on the ark. Three couples and a single. The single was taken for the purpose of sacrificial worship to God. You might be single, but you can offer your time being single as worship to God, as Christ did as a single.

C. Seal of the covenant

1. The rainbow- This was a sign God would not judge the earth anymore with a flood. This rainbow also represents that we will not ever be destroyed or judged again for our sins. The ark protected Noah from the waters of judgment, so our ark- Jesus- protects us from God's wrath. God will discipline our behavior, but will never judge us again for our sins. The judgment for sins is death-separation from Him. Jesus bore the judgment for our sins forever.

2. The throne of God has a rainbow around it. [**Rev. 4:3**] A rainbow on earth appears as a bow, but from the sky looking down it is a circle. A rainbow circle is around the throne as a forever sign God has judged our sins perfectly and forever and we have peace with God through the blood and sacrifice of Christ! The circle represents the eternal covenant of God.

III. Abrahamic Covenant- [Gen. 12:1-3]

A. Words of the covenant

1. God comes to Abraham and makes an unconditional covenant with him. God makes the promises to Abraham based upon His oath and not Abraham's merits.

a. I will make you a great nation.

b. I will bless you

c. I will make your name great

d. I will bless those who bless you

e. I will curse those who cursed you

f. God uses five "I wills"- five stands for grace in the Bible- Grace is what God does for man, not what man does for God.

2. [**Gen. 22:16-18**]- God promises blessing to Abraham and to His seed after Isaac is offered up in type of Christ.

B. Blood of the covenant- [Gen. 15:9-10]

1. God confirms his oaths by blood sacrifice.

2. God's blessing on Abraham's life was based upon the blood of sacrifice, which was a type of Christ.

3. Abraham throughout his life was a man of the altar. God blessed Abraham not because of his personal merits of performance but because of the covenant cut with God in blood. Abraham often blew it, but God still blessed him and each time he experienced grace, Abraham's life became more consecrated to God. Israel under the Law became more and more ungodly. Abraham under grace became more consecrated and in love with God, so much so, he was willing to sacrifice his only beloved son.

4. God made a covenant of blessing with Abraham and to His Seed. His Seed is Jesus Christ and those in Him. We are an heir to the blessing of Abraham because of our faith in Christ.

a. **[Gal. 3:13-14]**

b. **[Gal. 3:29]**

5. The blessing comes through faith in the sacrifice of Christ and not our personal merits of performance just like Abraham.

6. The Abrahamic covenant is the seed covenant for the New Covenant we have with God today. The New Covenant is the fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant.

C. Seal of the covenant

1. Circumcision

2. We are spiritually circumcised in Christ when we were born again. Spiritual circumcision is for both men and women, is done with the sword of the Spirit, is done by God's hands, not mans, and is for spiritual protection from contaminates.

IV. Conclusion

A. Both the Noahic and Abrahamic covenants teach of Jesus and His work of redemption.

B. Both Noah and Abraham were blessed by their faith and obedience of faith, not their own merits.

C. Christ is our ark, and He is the seed of Abraham. Through His perfect finished work of redemption we can receive all of God's provisions for us by faith.

D. Pray