

## Covenant: God Loves

### *Question and Answer*

- This question is, does the new covenant replace the old covenant? I think it actually fulfills. And so if you look at the covenants, so the promise to Adam is, Jesus is coming. To Noah, Grace is given. To Abraham, Jesus is coming. Moses, the law will be fulfilled you'll be freed. The Davidic covenant, there's a King and a kingdom. All of these are pointing toward Jesus. And I believe the new covenant is so big and so amazing that we get it all, right? We get to be the children of God. We get the blessings of Jesus. We get the lifting of the law. We get freedom in Christ. We get to be worshipers of God. Like all... We get a King, we get a kingdom. We get a peaceable King and kingdom. All these things are just because of Jesus. Maybe this will help. It was two nights ago, I woke up in the middle of the night and I don't know if it was a word from the Lord, but I just had this image of a key. So I guess I'll share it with you now as it comes to mind. And I told Grace about it, I said, "Where are these... I don't know if it's a revelation or I thought, I don't know what it was. When I first worked at a ho... One of my first jobs, I got a job at a hotel and I was a driver and a bag mover. And, just trying to help everybody. And it was an impossible job because somebody would call and I need to get a key. And then go let them into the room Or they come to me and say, "Put the bags into my room." So I need to go find their key. And then there's a key to the laundry room and a key to the storage room, there's a key for everything. And I'm running back and forth trying to find the keys. And after a few days of this, I'm going crazy, 'cause I can't unlock all the doors and keep up with everything. And I go to meet with my manager. They say, "How it's going?" I said, "This is the worst job ever." And he said, "Oh, we didn't give you a master key?" I was like, "No, what's a master key?" He's like, "Oh, it opens every door in the whole hotel." Yeah, I need one of those. Next thing I know like, well this is amazing. Here's what I'm saying, Jesus is the master key. He unlocks the Adamic covenant. He unlocks the Noahic covenant. He unlocks the Abrahamic covenant. He unlocks the Mosaic covenant. He unlocks the Davidic covenant. So if you have Jesus, you got the master key and you get the full inheritance of all of the covenants. That's amazing. It literally opens every door and all the blessings and provisions of God. Does that make sense? And it's just Jesus and that's what's so amazing when you get Jesus, you get everything. And if you have Jesus, you have nothing. That every single one of us, either needs to get better at the contractual so that we can execute well at work or we need to get better at covenantal, so we can have loving relationship with the family.

- [Congregant] Pray for it.

- Pray for, yeah pray for covenant at home and contract at work. Right? And it's some of... We have two hands, but one of them is our dominant hand. All right? For some of you it's contract, for some of you it's covenant. Whatever one you're weak in, you're gonna need to work to become more ambidextrous with that one. It's gonna take some work for you. I believe that many Christians, that have a really loving, healthy family, really struggled to make money and to generate a profit at work. And those who are really good at generating a profit at work, they tend to have very broken contractual, law-based, demand-oriented. Here's your job, you fail, there's punishment. They treat their family like their employees, okay? And Paul says in

Galatians four that, we either see God as father or master. And we either see ourselves as sons or slaves. If you have a view of God that he is with you, contractuals, you will see him as master and yourself as slave. If you have a view of God that he is covenantal, you will see Him as father and yourself as son. What's the difference between a slave and a son? Everything, everything, okay? So God doesn't want, God won't accept a contractual master relationship with you. He wants a covenantal father relationship with you. He's very relational. And the reason I'm driving toward this, I believe that the result of biblical teaching and gospel centered instruction is healthy life giving relationships, okay? They come to the Lord Jesus and they say, "Okay, if you had to take the whole old Testament, right? How would you summarize it? Give us the tweet." And his first word is love. You know What that is? That's a covenantal word. Love the Lord, your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Love your neighbor as yourself. You know why? Because God has loved us with all His heart, soul, mind, and strength. And he wants us to love him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. And as we have this covenantal relationship, that's based and sourced in love and grace, he wants us then to love others the way that he has loved us, okay? So Jesus says... Well, actually, if you wanna know the whole Bible, here it is. I love you, so you can love me and so we can love them. Which means that the ultimate effect of the gospel of Jesus Christ is not just your personal relationship with Jesus, but your personal relationship that starts to change all of your other personal relationships. Is there another covenant coming? There's the fulfillments of all of the covenant promises. So the curse came into existence with Adam, but it's lifted when Jesus returns and there's death because of Adam, but with Jesus, there'll be resurrection life. With Abraham, there was a promise made, well, excuse me, back to Noah. That is that in the days of Noah, God judged the world, but he saved his people through it. There is judgment coming to the world and it's gonna have a cataclysmic end. The Bible seems to indicate the first time it came in water and the second time it comes in fire, but just as God preserved them through the judgment, he'll preserve us through the judgment because of Jesus. When it comes to then the Abrahamic covenant, the promises made, that I'm gonna give you a land and I'm gonna make you a family and I'm gonna give you Jesus to bless the nations forever, we see that fulfilled from Genesis 12 and 17 and Revelation five. Around the throne of Jesus, are people from every tribe, nation, language and tongue. Jesus is the blessing to all the nations of the earth. When we look at the Mosaic covenant it state God will free us from bondage in this world as they were freed from bondage and slavery in Egypt. That they were free to worship him, will be free to worship him. And that ultimately Jesus fulfills the law and He's our Passover sacrifice and all of that culminates in His second coming. And then the Davidic covenant at the end is the covenant that a King and a kingdom is coming. And when Jesus shows up, the King comes and the kingdom comes with him. So all of the covenants are sort of a sneak previews, all right? If you've been to Costco and got one of those sample bites, who loves that, right? I was at Costco recently and they're like, "Would you like a cheese puff?" Yes. I would. Would you like a small sausage? I hadn't thought about it, but now that I do, my answer is yes. I eat a lot of snacks. Why do they give you little snacks at Costco? So that you want the whole thing, okay? I believe all the covenants are like Costco snacks that God is handing out. You're like, "I want the whole thing." His name is-

- [congregation] Jesus.

- Jesus and when he comes back, no more snacks. you're gonna get the whole pallet, okay?