

Covenant and Kingdom
Week 3 - The Covenant of Life
Genesis 3

- God's arrangement with Adam meets the criteria of a **covenant**
- **Delegation of Dominion** - Adam was given **limited** authority under God over Eden
- **Precepts** - The law of the covenant; requirement of the covenantor; "you will" of the covenant
 - Not a requirement to keep the moral law (10 Commandments) to earn life - man owes this to God by nature. Moral law is not a covenant
 - **Positive law** is requirement on top of universal moral law - rooted in the moral law, but not identical to it
 - Adam's priestly, prophetic, and kingly work
 - Abstaining from the forbidden tree - proper judgment of good vs evil
- **Promises** - What God obligates Himself to do; "I will" of the covenant
 - Full fellowship, consummated kingdom, eternal Sabbath rest
 - Threat of death implies obedience would lead to life
 - Tree of Life was the covenant sign - the pledge that God would reward covenant faithfulness with eternal life
- **Sanctions** - Threatened curses for covenant unfaithfulness; seal arrangement as a covenant
 - Comprehensive death without mercy; alienation from God and His garden temple
 - Tree of Life signified sanctions - disobedience would take away man's opportunity to eat its fruit
 - ****Covenant of Life is a works covenant - "Do this and life"*****
- **Federal Headship** - The one whom God deals with and who represents all those under him
 - Adam was federal head over his natural offspring (Rom. 5:14-21, 1 Cor. 15:21-22)
 - This and the Covenant of Christ are the only two eternal covenants - all people will either be represented by the headship of Adam or Christ
- Adam's failure and judgment
 - Adam was called to emerge victorious in a confrontation with the enemy in the name of God
 - He betrayed his covenant Lord and sided with the enemy; received immediate judgment
 - Judgment was merciless
 - Eternal, spiritual death (no access to Tree of Life - Gen 3:22-24); physical death (3:19); pain and suffering in his work of filling and subduing (3:16-18)
- Grace in the midst of curse - 3:15 promises ultimate victory for man by another King
 - All are today under the administration of the Covenant of Life - under the curse, ineligible for the blessings
 - Hope shifts from the Covenant of Life to a **promised** New Covenant, still as a mystery