

Covenant & Kingdom  
Week 14 - God's Plan of Redemption  
Isaiah 53

- The foundation of God's historical work in history is His eternal counsel within the Godhead
  - God's plan has always been to save a particular people and manifest His kingdom through and among them (Eph. 1:4-10)
  - Scripture gives us glimpses of the intratrinitarian plan, and this grounds our assurance
- Sometimes called "Covenant of Redemption"
  - No clear sanctions present, so hard to call it a covenant
  - Certainly true that there is an infallible agreed upon purpose within the Godhead from all eternity
- Particularly an agreement between Father and Son, with Spirit acting as helper
  - Presented especially through the "Servant Songs" of Isaiah, depicting an agreement between God and His "Servant"
  - Is. 42:1-7 - God chooses and gives a mission to this servant, equips with the Spirit, and calls him to bring forth justice (subdue the earth)
  - Is. 50:4-9 - Servant is contrasted with Israel as the obedient Son
  - Is. 61:1-3 - Would succeed in bringing about deliverance and rest for His people
  - Lk. 4:17-21 - Jesus explicitly applies the Servant Songs to Himself
    - The greater Son who would remain faithful, King who would establish justice, Savior who would bring about consummation
- The Son's Commitments
  - Become incarnate (Heb. 10:5, Ph. 2:7) - He had to represent the people in order to be a covenant for them
  - Obey the law (Gal. 4:4, Mt. 5:17) - He had to represent the people in righteousness
  - Be sacrificed as a substitute for an elect people (Is. 53:4-12, 1 Pet. 2:24, Gal. 3:13, Ph. 2:8) - Justice for Adam's disobedience still had to be satisfied
  - Jesus was called to be King and Mediator for His people
- The Father's Commitments
  - Equip by the Spirit (Is. 42:1, Mt. 3:16-17) - God would ensure the success of the servant
  - Resurrect Him from the dead (Ps. 16:10, Mt. 12:40) - vindicate the Son's righteousness
  - Exalt and give Him a kingdom (Ps. 2:7-8, Ps. 110:1-2, Mt. 28:18, Ph. 2:9-10, Eph. 1:19-21)
- The agreement between Father and Son is works based - the Son earns His reward through obedience
  - This relationship and its promised reward is the foundation of our covenant hope before God