Covenants Leading to Christ

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INTRODUCTION

- I'm not trying to bring anything new and exciting, trying to bring something that is old and exciting this morning.
- How the Bible's story is shaped around God's covenant, specifically through the Old Testament and then the new covenant as it comes through Jesus.
- My purpose this morning is to strengthen your faith in the Word of God, and to strengthen your understanding of what God's plan is.

1 What's a Covenant?

- A covenant is between two or more entities, and there is a price to be paid every time.
- All of the covenants we'll look at today are initiated by God for the purpose, for the express purpose of blessing mankind.
- God always keeps his promises. They're firm, they're solid. We can always rely on God to do exactly what he said he would do.

2 God Makes a Covenant With Noah

Genesis 6

- The Bible is the story of God trying to reunite man with himself and to deal with the sin problem.
- When mankind abandons God's plan, God steps in and sets it right.
- As a sign for that covenant, he seals it with the rainbow, the bow in the clouds, the bow that points towards heaven.

3 God's Covenant With Abraham

Genesis 12; Genesis 15; Genesis 17

- We talk about the land, the nation, and the seed promises, and those are repeated to his son and his grandson later.
- God passes through and makes the promise to Abraham. He says, I will do what I said I will do.
- There's a sign later that men carry as a sign of the covenant, and that is circumcision.

4 God's Covenant at Mount Sinai

Exodus 19:3–6; Exodus 31; Joshua 21

- If you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all earth is mine, and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.

- God gives them a sign, just like there's a bow in the clouds, the sign of this covenant is the Sabbath.
- Now, has every nation of the world been blessed yet? Not yet. But God was faithful, and he will keep his promise.

5 God Makes a Covenant With David

2 Samuel 7; Jeremiah 34

- His throne will be established forever, and that his son will build me a house. And there will always be a king on the throne of David.
- Y'all have broken the covenant. Y'all didn't keep it. You're not keeping the Sabbath.
- So God is walking this path next to his chosen people, and they continue to fail.

6 Jesus Fulfills All of Those Covenants

Hebrews 8:13; Hebrews 9:11–14; Hebrews 9:22

- Just like these others, it is initiated by God, and it is for the express purpose of blessing mankind. It continues or fulfills all of the other covenants.
- God wants us to be circumcised in our hearts.
- He is enthroned at God's right hand on David's throne, fulfilling what he has told David through Nathan in 2 Samuel 7.
- He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves, but by the means of his own blood, thus securing eternal redemption.
- Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sin.
- I will put my law on their hearts and write them on their minds.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you need help getting back on the path? Do you need to get on the path?

MY NOTES