



2021 2Q The Promise: Lesson 4 An Everlasting Covenant

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SABBATH

What is a covenant? A solemn agreement, a contract.

What is the everlasting covenant? What is the everlasting agreement or contract?

- God covenants, agrees, commits, contracts to do something we need and we are required to do something in order for the covenant or agreement to be fulfilled in our lives
- What has God agreed, committed, contracted to do?
 - God agreed to send Jesus to be our Savior and through Jesus deliver humans from sin, restore planet Earth to perfection, establish an everlasting kingdom and give the Earth to Abraham's descendants with Christ as the supreme Ruler
- What did Abraham agree, contract, commit, to do?
 - To trust God and follow God's directions

Is this a legal contract or simply an expression of the agreement that reality requires in order for salvation to occur?

Is marriage a covenant relationship?

- And as God designed marriage was it a legal contract?
- What kind of agreement or covenant is marriage as God designed it?
- And marriage is used as a metaphor for the relationship between Christ and the church, so what insight does the marriage covenant give us about the covenant of grace?

Is the New Covenant, the covenant of grace, a legal agreement or something else? Is it the agreement that healing, saving, restoring sinners requires in the universe God built?

- What is required in order for sinners to be saved?
 - Is faith or trust required?
 - Faith or trust in God is the means whereby the requirement of salvation are applied into the believer—so without faith or trust the sinner cannot be saved. But does faith or trust save the sinner?
 - Consider a person dying of a terminal illness and the doctor has a cure, but the patient doesn't trust the doctor and refuses to allow the doctor to administer it, will the patient be saved?
 - Consider the dying patient trusts the doctor but the doctor has no remedy to cure the terminal condition, will their trust in the doctor result in their getting well?



- No, it requires the patient have faith or trust and permit the doctor to apply the remedy, but the doctor must have a remedy that heals.
- So our faith or trust is required in order to access, receive, partake of what God provides that saves us—but our trust does not save or heal us, the remedy provided by God does.
 - So, Hebrews 11:1 “Faith is the substance of things hoped for...” Substance comes from the Greek hypostasis—which has two parts, hypo as in hypoglycemia or hypo tension and it means low or under and was translated as sub, as subway or submarine. And stasis means something solid, something in stasis doesn’t change or waver. So it was translated as the stance, substance. Which is in English literally faith is our understanding—and understanding has two meanings, our comprehension and also our agreement—we have an agreement with God based on our understanding of the problem, who God is, what He has provided and our confidence in Him. Thus our faith is based on solid evidence of reality and also an expression of our agreement with God. Just like a marriage covenant—when you covenant in marriage you trust or have faith in your spouse and that faith is your understanding of their love, trustworthiness, and commitment to you and also your commitment and responsibility to them.
 - So faith is required but faith does not heal, it is the avenue through which we connect with God to receive the remedy which heals and that faith is an intelligent, enlightened understanding of God, the sin problem and His solution.
 - Grace, is grace required for our salvation?
 - If God is not gracious, if God does not act in grace toward us or extend grace toward us, then would He have sent Jesus?
 - So yes, grace is required, without a gracious God extending grace we could not be saved.
 - But God was always gracious, even before humankind sinned. But sin required an action from God, an expression of grace that was never before needed; and that action, that intervention, is God’s work, favor, beneficial activity to provide the remedy or cure to our sin condition.
 - This activity, intervention, active working of God’s power to heal us from sin is grace and it is not earned by us, the remedy is not procured by us, it is not worked for, bought, or in any other way compensation to us for something we have done. So in that sense it is unmerited grace, unearned. But, because of who we are to God, He loved us so much that He sent His only Son—so while we didn’t do anything to merit it, we merit it because of who we are to God—His creation, His children, designed by Him to glorify Him. We are His and that is why we merit it, but not because of some work.
 - Forgiveness, is forgiveness required?
 - If God refused to forgive then we couldn’t be saved, so yes forgiveness is required.
 - Is God’s forgiveness a legal action in a court, or a personal action from His



- heart?
- Did Jesus forgive His murderers at the cross? Did that save them?
 - They didn't open their hearts to receive the forgiveness and with it the transforming power of God to save and heal them.
 - Does God's personal forgiveness fix the damage sin has caused? No, so something more is required.
 - So God's forgiveness is required—both from God and within the sinner, meaning the sinner must receive into their heart that forgiveness which results in repentance and conversion and receiving the remedy that heals or saves us.
 - Is an erasure of historic records required to save sinners?
 - Will a coverup of what happened move sinners from death to life? No!
 - Will erasure of historical records heal or change sinners? No! So this is not needed to save sinners.
 - Is an adjustment of God's attitude required to save sinners—assuaging His wrath, propitiating His anger?
 - Is God the problem, the obstacle? When humans sinned did God get changed? Does any activity need to be done to God to fix God so sinners can be saved? Or did Adam's sin change the condition of human beings and God needs to remedy, fix that condition in order to save sinners?
 - So no payment, appeasement, or propitiation to God is needed to save sinners
 - Is a legal payment to the law or lawgiver required?
 - Did God's law get changed when Adam sinned? No! So again, nothing needs to be done to God or God's law to save sinners, but something does need to be done to human beings to save us. What?
 - So no legal payment is needed to save sinners.

What is required to save us?

- What is the basis of life? God is the source of all life, and what has God constructed life to operate upon? Perfect harmony with Him, which is His law built into nature itself. God's design law for life is the law of love, the protocol of beneficence upon which life is constructed to operate. This law originates in God Himself, emanates from God and is sustained constantly by the outflow of God's energy and sustaining power. Life only exists in harmony with God.
 - Our current life on earth is due to grace, to God acting to create an artificial bubble of reality to allow the plan of salvation to occur. We are metaphorically speaking, on artificial life support, while God does spiritual heart surgery on us, restoring our hearts and minds back to His design so we can be taken off this artificial life support and live eternally in His presence.
- Sin transgresses this law, the protocols life is built upon, and sin, the breaking of the law, causes death.
 - The wages of sin is death Romans 6:23
 - Sin when full grown brings forth death James 1:15
 - Those who sow to the carnal nature, from that nature reap destruction Galatians 6:8
 - Salvation requires that the law of life be restored as the operating principle in the living being in order for there to be life.



- So salvation of sinners requires that we must:
 - be reborn
 - have a new heart and right spirit
 - have the law written on the heart
 - have the mind of Christ
 - die to fear and selfishness and be resurrected to love and truth
 - have the heart of stone removed and a tender heart put within
 - have circumcision of the heart
 - die to self and have Christ live within us

So, we have a terminal condition inherited from Adam that we did not choose and which results in eternal death unless it is remedied. We cannot procure the remedy, so God sent Jesus to do that for us.

God covenants or agrees to take up this terminal condition, to become human and subject to all the weakness and temptation of this condition and eradicate the sin-infection, to destroy the death causing principle and restore the law of life into humanity, thereby saving the species and simultaneously providing the remedy to all who trust Him. When we trust Him, we receive via the Holy Spirit the victory of Christ in our hearts and minds. We die to selfishness and fear and are born again with motives of love and trust.

So the covenant: God agrees to provide the cure and we agree to trust God, open the heart and let Him heal us and then follow His directions or prescription.

This a legal contract it is the relational agreement reality requires to heal sinners. Why? Because we could not procure the remedy and God cannot use power to force a change in our hearts and minds without destroying our individuality. His healing of us requires our agreement—our understanding, our trust or faith in Him in order for Him to work in our hearts and minds and heal us without destroying our unique personhoods.

Consider these historic quotes that document what we are teaching is not new not something we invented, as it shouldn't be because the sin problem and its solution have been the same since Adam sinned. This first one is one of my favorites:

The law requires righteousness,--a righteous life, a perfect character; and this man has not to give. [What does the law require? a righteous life—is this a righteous life in the sinner, or a righteous life in a non sinner? Where is the righteous life to be that the law requires? What kind of law is this? Why does the law require it? Why don't we have a righteous character to give?] He cannot meet the claims of God's holy law. But Christ, coming to the earth as man, lived a holy life, and **developed a perfect character.** [Heb 5:9 “once he was made perfect he became the source of salvation for all who obey him.” Bible perfection isn't about sinlessness, Jesus was sinless but He had to “become” perfect. Bible perfection is about maturity of character. God can create sinless beings, Lucifer, Adam, Eve, but those sinless beings did not “perfect” or mature their character, they become corrupt. After Adam's sin there were no human beings with sinless character—“all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.”



But life requires perfect harmony with God's design laws because life is built to operate upon them. So Jesus became human and as a human was tempted in all points like we are yet lived out, as a human, using human abilities, by constant trust in His Father, a sinless life thus developing a perfect human character. At the cross He destroyed the infection of fear and selfishness and established permanently God's law of life into the humanity He assumed—thereby saving the species while simultaneously procuring the remedy we need. This is why He arose on the third day and could predict that He would arise, not because He had a prophetic vision of the future, but because He knew the law of love is the protocol of life and when that law was perfectly into His humanity and the infection was eliminated He would arise again. The grave could not hold Him. So Peter says in Acts 2:24 it was impossible for death to hold Him.] **These He offers as a free gift to all who will receive them.** [He offers us a holy life and perfect character—Not in some legal way applied to some registry in heaven, but actual, within us. "It is no longer I that live but Christ lives in me" Gal 2:20. Revelation describes those who are saved as "these are they who do not love their lives so much as to shrink from death" vs. 12:11. Fear and selfishness, the survival of the fittest drives, are overwritten with God's law of love, and these individuals, through trust in Jesus, have been transformed. They are saved/healed.] His life stands for the life of men. Thus they have remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God. **More than this, Christ imbues men with the attributes of God. He builds up the human character after the similitude of the divine character,** a goodly fabric of spiritual strength and beauty. **Thus the very righteousness of the law is fulfilled in the believer in Christ.** [Where is this happening, in a courtroom, in a record book, or in the believer? This is actual, literal, real transformation and healing. It is not legal in a courtroom!] God can "be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." Rom. 3:26. {DA 762.2} [Notice that justifying is building up or putting the human character right with God again, the law is fulfilled IN THE BELIEVER not in a legal court!]

But the law requires that the soul itself be pure and the mind holy, that the thoughts and feelings may be in accordance with the standard of love and righteousness.--RH, Apr 5, 1898. (2SM 211.) {2MCP 564.1} [What are the thoughts and feelings combined? Our moral character, so the law requires our character be in harmony with the standard of love—which is the law of love, which is the protocol upon which God built reality to operate. Why does the law require this? For the same reason the law of respiration requires we breathe.]

The divine law requires us to love God supremely and our neighbor as ourselves. Without the exercise of this love, the highest profession of faith is mere hypocrisy. . . . {A New Life NL 32.1} [Do you see this can be no other law than design law—why? Can you get love through legislation, or imposition, or threat, or coercion, or inflicted punishment? Understand, human law, imposed law, is made up and enforced through punishment—and love can never be generated in such a way. Therefore, if God's law requires us to love God and our neighbor, it cannot be like human law. Satan has infected Christianity with the destructive lie that God's law is like human law, imposed rules requiring imposed punishment. This has resulted in Christianity teaching and worshipping a false god who is like Satan in character, a being who uses his power to torment and inflict death to punish sin.]



So there is a covenant—an agreement with God—what is it?

What was the covenant with Abraham?

- Was it different than the covenant given to Adam, the promise of Jesus, or what is the continuation of that same covenant, adding the specification that Jesus would come from Abraham's descendants?
- Was the covenant with Adam to provide a Savior to save only one ethnic group, or to provide salvation for all human beings?
- Was the covenant to Abraham only for those who are genetic descendants, biological relatives, of Abraham or was the covenant for all humanity?
- Who is considered a descendant of Abraham and heir to the promises of God given in this covenant?
- What was the land promised to Abraham?

My view is that God gave multiple explanations of the covenant to Abraham as recorded in Genesis, and God referenced both the local establishment of the nation of Israel as the conduit for the Messiah and the larger promise of deliverance from sin and restoring the Earth to sinlessness.

The various promises to Abraham are:

The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your descendants." (Gen 12:7 NCV).

The LORD said to Abram... "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you." (Ge 13:14–17 NIV84).

Then the word of the Lord came to him... "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness. (Gen 15:4-6 NIV84)

As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God." (Ge 17:4–8 NIV84).



Do you hear elements of God's promise to Abraham's biological family to work through them to bring about the larger promise given to Adam? Do you hear elements of a promise that goes far beyond just the land of Palestine?

So, I paraphrased Genesis 13:14-17 as:

The Lord said to Abram, "Look around you in every direction – north, south, east and west. The whole earth – all that you see – I will give to you and your descendants forever. I will make your descendants beyond counting – like trying to count the dust of the earth. Go ahead and walk about the land that I am giving to you."

My view is that God was communicating to Abraham the working out of the everlasting covenant to save the species, restore Earth to perfection, and the planet will become the home of the righteous.

thoughts?

So, God has covenanted to save humanity. He chose Abraham to be the progenitor of the family through whom Jesus would be born—but the covenant was not restricted to his biological descendants, but given to all those who are like Abraham in character.

The Jews in Christ day believed the promises to Abraham were based on biology, genetics, and Jesus told them they were wrong:

I know you are Abraham's descendants. [Jesus acknowledges their genetics] Yet you are ready to kill me, because you have no room for my word. I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you do what you have heard **from your father.**" **[But Jesus tells them that their genetics doesn't determine whose children they are; He tells them that they have a different father than Abraham]**

39 **"Abraham is our father," they answered. [They protest and insist that it is genetics that matters]**

"If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, **"then you would do the things Abraham did. [Now Jesus makes it clear, being a child of Abraham is not about genetics, it is about being like Abraham in character, about trusting God, having the faith of Abraham, living out God's methods and following where God leads. In fact, in Scripture the faithful are often referred to as the children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—why? Because the three represent the covenant lived out—We must have the faith of Abraham and thus are children of Abraham, but we must also have a miracle birth (be born from that which is dead—remember Sarah womb was considered dead. So we which are dead in trespass and sin must be reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit) and thus are children in Isaac, and we must in union with God wrestle against our own fears, selfishness and sinfulness to be overcomers and thus are children of Jacob and get a new name Israelites—heirs of the promise.]** As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. **You are**



doing the things your own father does.” [Jesus again makes it clear we are children of whose character we emulate and develop.]

“We are not illegitimate children,” they protested. “The only Father we have is God himself.”
[Again they protest Jesus’ revelation and now claim God as their Father.]

Jesus said to them, **“If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies”** (John 8:37-44 NIV84). [Jesus makes it unmistakable, genetics are irrelevant, what matters is character. Those who have faith like Abraham are children of Abraham. Those who reject the truth, don’t trust God, prefer a legal religion with an imperial dictator god are children of their god the devil]

Paul wrote the same thing: “And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to the promise.” (Galatians 3:29 New English Translation)

So, what is the covenant? What is God’s responsibility? What is ours?

We are to trust, or have faith and obey—what does it mean to obey?

In the New Testament the Greek word for obedience, obey, to obey is: **πακοή** [*hupakoe* /hoop·ak·o·ay/

And it has two halves—the first half is where we get hypo, as in hypoglycemia, or hypotension, or hypodermic and means low, or under, and the last half is where we get acoustics and acoustical, and means to listen or hear. And thus the Biblical meaning of obedience is a humble willingness to listen, learn, comprehend and hear was God is teaching.

This is why Jesus said repeatedly, things like, hearing though they do not hear, or let him who has ears, hear. So people say things today like, “Do you hear me?” “Are you listening?”

So what does it mean to be obedient in God’s kingdom? It is about performance, or about heart motivation?

Why is this our responsibility in the covenant?

- What is the war between God and Satan over? God’s character and trustworthiness
- Where is the battlefield? Our minds and hearts (2Cor 10:3-5)
- What are the weapons of Satan? Lies, imperial law and human governments or force to coerce, human economics—buying selling owning—greed, accusation, temptation to sin, division and death. All designed to inflame fear and inspire more selfishness to protect self at the expense of others.



- What are the weapons of God? Truth, love and freedom, which provides evidence to build or faith or trust and we exercise that faith in active interacting or relationship with God, talking to Him, connecting with Him—i.e. prayer, reading the Bible, meditating upon God, His design law, nature, what Christ accomplished at the cross. We humbly listen and choose to embrace and act upon those principles of God that He reveals to us. Thus, we work out our salvation with awe and humility, constantly covenanting with God in our daily cooperative relationship with Him.
- What is it that determines who is considered righteous—behavior or the condition of the heart?
- But, as the heart is healed do the behaviors change?
- But what is the key to changing the heart? Trust in God
 - and what is the key to trusting God? The truth
 - and what is the key to understanding and assimilating truth? A humble willingness to listen and learn—which is Biblical obedience!
 - Thus as we obey, as we listen, learn and follow Him in action, we gather more evidence by experience of God’s goodness, the reliability of His methods, the constancy of His laws, the peace, joy, love, and spiritual healing of His presence, and our trust or faith increase based on the evidence of our experience with Him harmonized with Scripture and His design laws for life.

Thus our responsibility in the covenant with God is to listen, think, really hear what God is saying to us, trust Him and choose what He reveals to us.

SUNDAY

Read paragraphs 3-5, “When God first entered...” What does the name Yahweh mean to you? The eternal self-existent God. The being who has life original, unborrowed, underived from another source.

Who is this Yahweh? Jesus said it was Him, “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” (John 8:58 NIV84).

Do you see why the Jews wanted to kill Him? Jesus is Yahweh—the eternal self existent one, with life original, unborrowed, underived.

MONDAY

The lesson focuses our attention on another of God’s names, El-Shaddai, which means Almighty God, what does this mean to you?

Who is this being? It is also Jesus—He is the member of the Godhead who interacts with human beings throughout the Old Testament. Paul says Jesus was the rock from whom Israel drank!



TUESDAY

The lesson focuses our attention on the change in name from Abram to Abraham.

What is the significance of a name in the Bible? It is about character.

So, when we consider God's various names what are we to be learning? Things about His character. And what is the most significant aspects of God's name, character, that we are to know? What part of God's name came under attack by Satan?

- Did Satan allege God was not powerful?
- Satan's attack was upon God's trustworthiness, which was through allegations of imperialism and partiality—arbitrary rules arbitrarily applied

Have humans struggled with knowing God? Have human beings accepted various lies about God? Has God worked to bring us back to the truth about Him?

There are several attributes of God that recur through Scripture that God repeatedly utilizes to differentiate Him from the multitude of false gods, what are some of these?

- God is Creator—all false gods cannot create—meaning God is the life-giver
- God is eternal—He has no beginning—all false gods are created
- God is forgiving, He freely pardons—all false gods require payment, appeasement, offerings to purchase pardon
- God is truth—all false gods are liars
- God is love—all false gods are selfish
- God sacrifices Himself to uplift His creation—all false gods demand the worshippers sacrifice to uplift the god
- God governs via design laws—all false gods govern via imposed rules with imposed punishments

There are many names for God in the Bible, but they all reveal elements of His character and methods of love, how He as Creator built reality to operate and His plan to restore us to unity with Him and eternal life.

Notice how God describes what he does for the sake of His name in Ezekiel:

“Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that **I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name**, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. **I will show the holiness of my great name**, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Sovereign Lord, **when I show myself holy through you before their eyes.**”



“ ‘For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and **you will be clean**; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. **I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws...**(Ezekiel 36:22-27 NV84).

What does the Lord do to magnify His name? He heals hearts and mind!

And how is this possible? What is the means, mechanism, mode of healing hearts and minds?

Can hearts and minds be healed by:

- Legislation?
- Imposed laws?
- Threats of inflicted punishment?
- Coercion?
- Imprisonment?
- Judicial action?
- Declaration?
- Legal accounting in books?
- Jesus pleading to God to be gracious?
- Jesus pleading to God to be forgiving?
- Rituals such as water baptism or eating a communion wafer?
- Going to church on the right day?
- Eating the right foods?

What is the only method to actual glorify God’s name and removing hearts of stone and putting in tender hearts so that we live out God’s law of love?

Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty. (Zechariah 4:6 NIV84)

And the Spirit is the Spirit of truth and love. God wins us with the truth and then pours His love into our hearts. In trust, we open our hearts and the Spirit takes the victory of Christ and reproduces it in us, we get new desires and motives of God’s living law of love produced within us. We are literally transformed in character. And only the Creator God can do this.

And when this happens, we get a name change—for our character changes and our “names” are registered in the “books” of heaven. Our characters are recorded as healed and renewed in heaven.

Abraham’s name is changed in Genesis chapter 17. Let’s read verses 1-14 from *The Remedy* and see what you think? Do you agree? Have I missed something?



1When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, “I am El-Shaddai – the Almighty Creator God. If you go where I direct; if you stop depending on yourself and perfectly trust me, 2then our agreement that you and your descendants are to become my helpers in fulfilling my plan to save humanity can go forward, and I will bless you with many descendants.”

3Abram, overwhelmed with awe, dropped to his knees and put his face to the ground. And God said to him, 4“**This is the agreement that I made with you: Through you and your descendants my promise to save humanity will be accomplished, thus you will be the father of many nations. 5You will no longer be called Abram (which means ‘exalted father’), henceforth you will be known as Abraham (which means ‘father of many’), for I have made you the father of many nations. 6I will make you extremely fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. 7I will carry out my promise of grace – to provide the Remedy, free and complete, to all who trust me. This is as an ongoing promise to you and your descendants for generations to come: I will be your God – your Savior, Protector and Sustainer – and the God of all who trust me like you do.8The entire land of Canaan, where you are now a foreigner, I will give to your descendants as part of my plan to fulfill my everlasting promise of grace – my plan to save humanity. I will be their God.**”

9Then God instructed Abraham, “You must keep our agreement: You agree to trust me and follow my instructions, and I agree to heal your heart and mind; you and your descendants must keep our agreement – as you trust me, I will heal your hearts and minds. 10**This is my promise to you and your descendants. Our agreement – which cuts fear and selfishness out of your hearts and writes love into your hearts – you are to inscribe symbolically, as a reminder, on your flesh, by having every male among you circumcised. 11You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be a sign of our agreement – your trust in me and in my healing of your heart and mind. 12For generations to come, every male among you is to be circumcised on the eighth day after his birth. This applies to all males born into your family as well as those born to your servants or any foreign-born servants whom you purchase. 13Whether they are born in your household or bought with money, all males must be circumcised. My promise to heal you will be inscribed on your flesh as an ongoing reminder of our agreement. 14Any male who is uncircumcised and refuses to be circumcised will be cut off from the people, for he has broken the agreement – he has refused to trust me and let me heal him and cut fear and selfishness out of his heart.**”

THURSDAY

Read first paragraph, “As we have seen so far...” this is well said, it is always the covenant of grace, the covenant of God to send the Messiah to remedy the sin problem and provide us a free remedy that we can partake through faith or trust.

The lesson asks us to read Genesis 18:19, the lesson puts the verse at the top of the page and has chosen the KJV, which reads:



For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

What do you think of this translation?

What does justice and judgment connote? Does it lead your mind down legal paths? Do you get tempted to think legal or imposed laws, rules, deeds, tribunals, examination of records, judicial findings, need of legal payment etc?

Here are some other translations of this verse:

- For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by **doing what is right and just**, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.” (NIV84)
- I have chosen him so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just. Then the LORD will give to Abraham what he promised him.” (New English Translation)
- For I know Abraham and have chosen him to head the family through whom I will fulfill my promise to save humanity. He will teach his children and their families to live in harmony with me and my design for life, to do what is right and exercise good judgment, and I will fulfill through Abraham what I promised him I would do.” (The Remedy)

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