

Lesson 6
Covenant Theology: The Story of the Bible and How We Fit In

I. Covenant Theology: What is it?

A. Definition of “covenant”

1. Human covenants (solemn agreements witnessed by God)
2. Divine covenants (sovereign administrations of relationship b/w God and man)

“A voluntary condescension (stooping down) by God by which He communicates Himself to man as the fruition of eternal blessedness and reward” (WCF VII:1). “A bond in blood, sovereignly administered” (O. Palmer Robertson).

B. The essence of covenant theology: God’s promise to dwell with His forever in love

II. The Covenant of Works

- A. The Context of the Covenant (Creation, Garden, Communion with God)
- B. The Terms of the Covenant
- C. Man’s Breach of the Covenant

III. The Covenant of Grace

- A. The Story of the Bible (Adam → Christ)
- B. Old vs. New Covenants
 1. The unity and continuity of the covenants
 2. The diversity of the covenants
- C. Our place in the story
 1. God does not change (immutability)
 2. God promises to be a God to us and our children in Jesus Christ

For Discussion

1. How does covenant theology help us understand the Bible? What errors does it help us avoid?

2. What are some practical implications of covenant theology for us today?