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LESSON 27: THE COVENANT OF GRACE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Main Idea: *Even before sending Christ, God covenanted to redeem people from the Fall and reconcile them to Himself, by His grace and through faith in His promises.*

I. What Is A Covenant?

A. Covenant vs. Contract

B. Two Basic Covenants Between God and Man

II. The Covenant of Works (Genesis 2:9, 2:16-17)

III. The Covenant of Grace

A. The Protevangelium (Genesis 3:15)

B. The Noahic Covenant (Genesis 6:17-19, 8:20-9:17)

1. Occurs against the backdrop of righteous judgment - Genesis 6:5-7
2. Begins by graciously sparing Noah and his family - Genesis 6:8, 6:17-19
3. Culminates with promises benefitting all humanity - Genesis 8:20-9:17

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C. The Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3; 15; 17)

1. Phase 1: The call and promises - Genesis 12:1-3
2. Phase 2: The ratification ceremony - Genesis 15; Hebrews 6:13-18
3. Phase 3: The people of God - Genesis 17
4. Received in faith - Genesis 14:22-23, 15:6; Romans 3:21-5:21; Galatians 3; Hebrews 11

D. The Mosaic Covenant (Exodus 19:5-6; Deuteronomy 28)

1. Part of the covenant of grace and consistent with Abrahamic covenant - Galatians 3:17-18
2. Different from the Abrahamic covenant - Exodus 19:5-6; Deuteronomy 28
3. Administered the covenant of grace until Christ - Romans 3:20, 5:20, 7:6, 10:4; 2 Corinthians 3:7-11; Galatians 3, 5:1; Colossians 2:17; Hebrews 7:11-28, 8-10

E. The Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7:1-17)

F. Completion in Christ (John 8:56; Hebrews 11:13)

IV. Responding to the Covenant of Grace in the Old Testament

A. Genesis 6:5-6

B. Hebrews 6:17-19

C. Romans 11:33-36