

Eternity

Destiny

Understanding

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# Covenant

## In The Beginning:

- **Perfect**; that is how we usually describe the world God made!
- **Perfect ..... but not finished**
  - Genesis 2:15-25

## Cultural Mandate

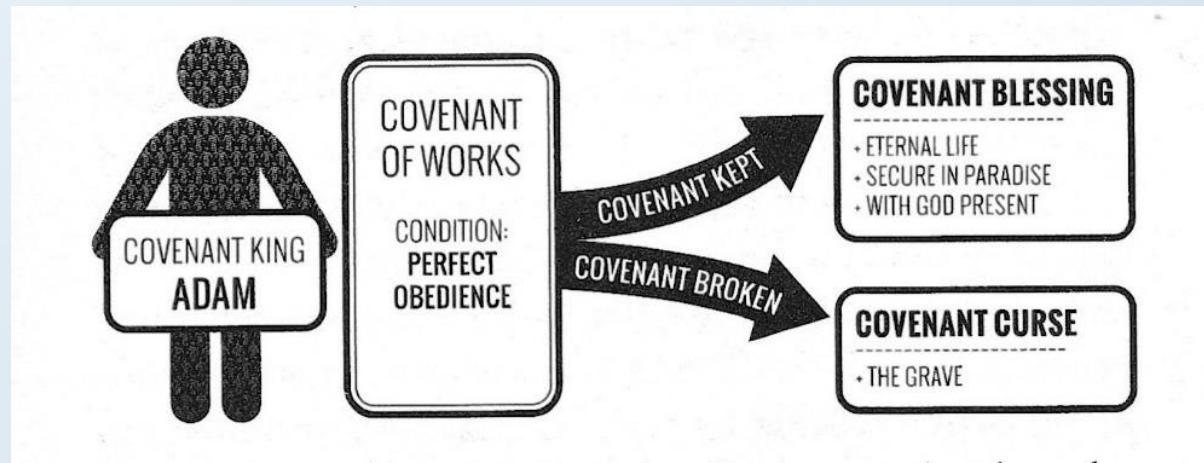
- These commands are sometimes referred to as the “**cultural mandate.**”
- Reminder to us that our work, our families, our marriages, our art, our science are good gifts. They aren't sub-spiritual things!

# The Covenant of Works

- God's **People**,
- In **Paradise**,
- With God **Present**

## Covenant and the Curse

- **Genesis 3:1-5** *The serpent was clever, more clever*



# The Covenant Curses

- **People - Genesis 3:15** Then he said to the woman, "I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you." NLT
- **Paradise - Genesis 3:17-19** And to the man he said, "Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. 18 It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. 19 By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat. NLT
- **Presence - Genesis 3:22-24** Then the Lord God said, "Look, the human beings have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!" 23 **So the Lord God banished them from the Garden of Eden**, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made. 24 After sending them out, the Lord God stationed mighty cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden. And he placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life. NLT
- **Life and Death – Genesis 3:19b** until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return."

- **The First Gospel** – Punishment and hope
  - **Genesis 3:14-15** Then the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live. 15 And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." NLT

## Consequences of the Curse

- Top influential people!

The Apostle Paul writing to the Christians:

### 1. Guilt

- **Romans 5:18** Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone,
- **Romans 5:18** but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. 19 Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

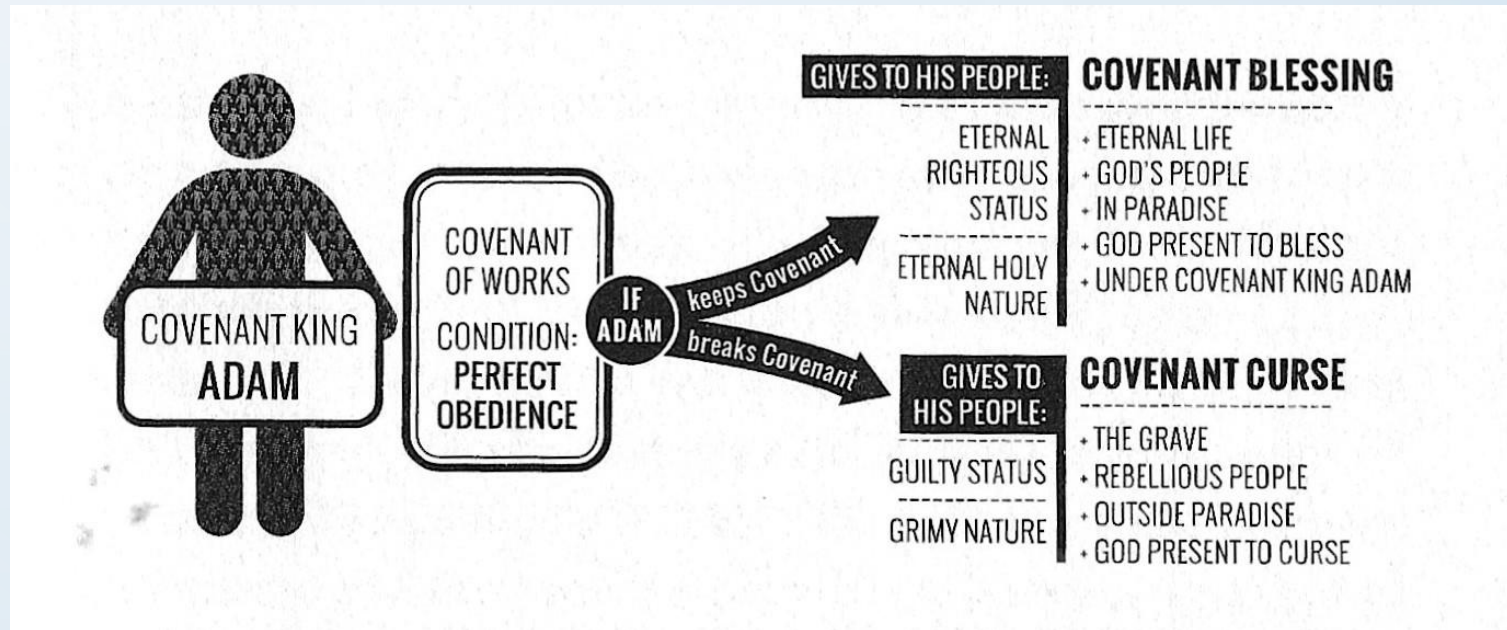


## 2. Grime

- **Romans 5:12-14** You know the story of how Adam landed us in the dilemma we're in — first sin, then death, and no one exempt from either sin or death. 13 That sin disturbed relations with God in everything and everyone, but the extent of the disturbance was not clear until God spelled it out in detail to Moses. So death, this huge abyss separating us from God, dominated the landscape from Adam to Moses. 14 Even those who didn't sin precisely as Adam did by disobeying a specific command of God still had to experience this termination of life, this separation from God. But Adam, who got us into this, also points ahead to the One who will get us out of it. The Message
- **We are bent to Sin!**
- **Romans 3:9-20** So where does that put us? Do we Jews get a better break than the others? Not really. Basically, all of us, whether insiders or outsiders, start out in identical conditions, **which is to say that we all start out as sinners. Scripture leaves no doubt about it:** 10 There's nobody living right, not even one, 11 nobody who knows the score, nobody alert for God. 12 They've all taken the wrong turn; they've all wandered down blind alleys. No one's living right; I can't find a single one. 13 Their throats are gaping graves, their tongues slick as mud slides. Every word they speak is tinged with poison. 14 They open their mouths and pollute the air. 15 They race for the honor of sinner-of-the-year, 16 litter the land with heartbreak and ruin, 17 Don't know the first thing about living with others. 18 They never give God the time of day. 19 This makes it clear, doesn't it, that whatever is written in these Scriptures is not what God says about others but to us to whom these Scriptures were addressed in the first place! And it's clear enough, isn't it, that we're sinners, every one of us, in the same sinking boat with everybody else? 20 Our involvement with God's revelation doesn't put us right with God. What it does is force us to face our complicity in everyone else's sin. The Message

### 3. Grave

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## Conflict –

- Genesis 3:15 And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring.
- Who's your Daddy? Who's offspring will you be?
- **John 10:10** The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy.
- Satan's ultimate goal is to bring **death!**
- Remember, death in the Bible isn't just about physical death, but eternal separation from God in hell.



# Sticks and Stones

- **John 8:42-47** Jesus told them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, because I have come to you from God. I am not here on my own, but he sent me. 43 Why can't you understand what I am saying? It's because you can't even hear me! 44 For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 So when I tell the truth, you just naturally don't believe me! 46 Which of you can truthfully accuse me of sin? And since I am telling you the truth, why don't you believe me? 47 Anyone who belongs to God listens gladly to the words of God. But you don't listen because you don't belong to God." NLT
- My Daddy is....
- Battle of the Gospels!
- Which Gospel do you believe?

