

## **Week – 4**

**Reading: C 2, COTC 5.**

### **The Covenant of Creation/Works**

Palmer's reason for defining covenant "works" as "creation"- broader kingdom concerns.

### **The covenant with Creation: Chp 2.**

Hos.6:7; Jer. 33:20,21,25,26; 31:35.

Man and creation are linked.

God has made creation. Man stands over it as head, to rule it for God. Image of God linked to dominion.

### **Three Key terms of the Covenant**

#### **1. Work-**

Subdue, Work, Dominion Gen 1:26; 2:15. Curse, Gen. 3:16, work will be hard

#### **2. Rest/ Sabbath**

**Implicit Reference**, a cycle of God - He did not need to rest, He chose to.

"Enthronement rest"- Kline. **Explicit Reference:** He blessed it. For man, for his good, Mark 2:27.

10 Commandments, Ex 20: 8,11; Deut 5:12,15, Honoring God as both the Creator and Saving Lord. Blessings in rest from work. Man is over the creation, not creation over man. Plus, it is a Statement of Lordship –Adam over Creation

**Changed in the New Covenant-** Christ over the new creation.

Rest when 2<sup>nd</sup> man has finished his work; Sabbath changed to Lord's Day.

Matthew 12: 1-14. Jesus is Lord over the Sabbath. He defines it-Worship, Rest, Kingdom Works

Change of Day to 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the week, **Acts 20:7, Under the new covenant the day is changed.** Link this Diagram of the old and new creations.

#### **3. Marriage-**

Gen 1:26,27, Gen 2:18,Gen 2:22-24, Matthew 19:4-6.

Headship and Helper, Gen 2:18, 1 Cor. 11:9, both bear Image, **NT-** Greater Revelation, fuller understanding of Marriage as a picture of the Church Eph.5:25, **The Consummation**, Gal 3:28, Matt 22:30

### **The Covenant of Works**

a. Gracious Covenant, but based upon performance.

The Test - The Tree

**Gen 2:16,17.**

Adam was tested with something that was part of his general covenantal responsibilities. The test of the tree is related to his daily job. The test is humility and obedience to all of God's commands. Phil 2:6-11. The test is not the Law; it is a specific command. Romans 5:12-14.

**Gracious,**

Adam could hold God to its terms. It was linked to performance; it was not onerous in its performance.

**Not generally to all men.**

The test was limited to Adam, Rom 5:12-14

**B. The effect of the Fall**

Imputed Sin, Roman 5:12-19

Original Sin , Romans 8:7.

**C. Status of the Covenant of Works**

Adam was federal a being, therefore all sinned in him and fell in him.

1. No man now is bound to, or could, keep the original Covenant. The test finished in Adam, no man is now in the garden or under the tree
2. The Law to Moses is not and never was a restatement of the test. It was given to show offences, to show man clearly his sin and need, Romans 5:20, Romans 7:18-25. The provision of sacrifices for sin was new.
3. All men are still under the effects/consequences of the breach of the Covenant of Works; sin, rebellion, wrath, and death.
4. Christ, by His work, was under a similar covenant of works. His obedience is enough to undo what Adam had done. C.f. covenant of redemption.

**D. The second Adam's Obedience.**

A. Romans 5:17-19

B. The harshness of Christ's test, a wilderness, sinful world, Israel's failure, Christ's success.

C. Unto Death, Death Upon the Cross. Phil 2:6-9