

The Adamic Covenant

*A quick note regarding the Leader's Guide. Please use this only as a supplement to help further discussion. The book is your guide and should be your primary resource. This leader's guide is here to provide further insight into various moments and develop greater depth in understanding. Please add your own questions from your time in the book and your time in God's Word.

****Preface Homework: Have you placed Scriptures on the two lines at the end of the Preface? If not, please do so this week.**

Remember the Offerings of Covenants:

Suzerain (God)	Vassal (Us)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Protection</u> • <u>Privilege</u> • <u>Identity</u> • <u>Provision</u> • <u>Authority</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Devotion</u> • <u>Loyalty</u> • <u>Identity</u> • <u>Representation</u>

Supplemental Questions by Section and Page. Apply as appropriate.

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God asks four questions, starting with, "Where are you?"

- What are the other three questions
 - *Who told you you were naked?*
 - *Did you eat of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?*
 - *What is this you have done?*
- What does God's approach in this situation reveal about how God communicates with His children when they're in the wrong?

Serpent and Satan

Last week we read John 8:44 and we see that verse again this week. In John 8:44 Jesus called out Satan, and ultimately the Pharisees, with great authority. That sets fairly well with the average Christian reader as the Pharisees were revealing their hypocrisy on a regular basis. Perhaps a less settling situation is when Jesus rebuked Peter, calling him Satan. Peter's words to Jesus are, essentially, the 1st century equivalent of our 21st century phrase, "I've got your back." Most of us would see these words as encouragement. But Jesus, with the same authority which he exercised in John, rebuked Peter and called him, Satan. I have little doubt that Peter struggled with this word from his Teacher, but what does 1 Peter 5:8 reveal that he gleaned from this moment?

Be Alert. Be vigilant. Be watchful.

Christ in the Covenant

Take a look at Luke 10:17-19. We see from this verse that we are given authority over Satan. This may seem like something which we should celebrate, but look at the next verse, verse 20. About what should we rejoice?

Our names are recorded in heaven.

In terms of application to our lives, seemingly innocent phrases get uttered and Satan is present. Our job is not to give advice so much as it is reminding others of the One to Whom they belong. If we speak the Truth of our identity, Satan has no place there. Advice is something that should be offered only after much prayer and submission.

Submission is NOT Subservience

One needs only to listen to the words of others to hear an aversion to submission. Let's add some clarity to this. Submission often gets equated with obedience. Obedience is submissive, but submission isn't necessarily obedience. Look up definitions of these two words. To Whom should we be obedient? To whom should we submit?

- *We're obedient to God. We submit to one another and to God.*

Is the command to submit a consequence for Eve only, OR does this command also call out Adam for his failure at the tree?

The First Sacrifice

Correction: The question should ask for Romans 6:23 AND Genesis 3:21.

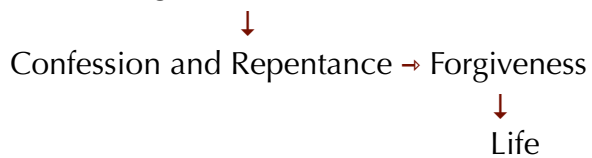
Closing Reflections

Consider the following path we take into sin:

Doubt → Suspicion → Fear → Withdrawal → Anger → Sin → Death

God knows where sin leads... and so He gives us another path:

Doubt → Suspicion → Fear → Withdrawal → Anger → Sin



Read Psalms 51:10-12. In the Adamic Covenant, Who does God reveal Himself to be?

Restorer

Take note that Adam and Eve had nothing placed on them regarding responsibility except confession. God did everything in terms of restoration. Their disobedience became His responsibility. God didn't move forward with them until they confessed, but in all this we see that God:

- Makes the Covenant
- Establishes the Covenant
- Keeps the Covenant
- Ratifies the Covenant