

Biblical Theology, Lesson 12

Promises Fulfilled in Christ, Part 2

Over the last few months in this class, we've walked through the promises of redemption God made to His people in the Old Testament through the *covenants* He made with them. Over the past couple of weeks, we've looking at how Christ fulfills them all in his incarnation, life, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and second coming. What we're seeing is that the entire storyline of the Bible centers around Jesus Christ; as we see how Jesus fulfills these covenant promises of God, it shows us how the *entire Bible* is about Jesus, and how Jesus is the hero of the Bible's story - the story of Creation, Fall, Redemption, and New Creation.

So, we see that:

- 1. Christ Fulfills the Covenant of Adam**
- 2. Christ Fulfills the Covenant of Abraham**
- 3. Christ Fulfills the Covenant of Moses**
- 4. Christ Fulfills the Covenant of David**
- 5. Christ Fulfills the Promise of a New Covenant**

Last week we saw how Christ fulfills the covenants of Adam and Abraham. Today, we're going to walk through the covenants of Moses, David, and the New Covenant.

I. Christ Fulfills the Covenant of Moses

God's covenant with Israel through Moses promised life and blessing as God's righteous, holy people, in God's place, *if* they obeyed God's covenant Law, or else they would receive the promised curses

A. Jesus fulfilled the Law of Moses

- *Matt. 5:17-18* - "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass away from the Law until all is accomplished."
- Sinless and righteous; perfectly fulfilled God's righteous demands

B. Jesus bore the covenant curse of the law

- *Gal. 3:10-13*

C. Jesus is a Prophet Greater than Moses

- Deut. 18:15-22 promises a prophet greater than Moses would come
- As we saw last week - Jesus is the true and great prophet
- Heb. 3:1-6 - Jesus Greater than Moses
- Jesus brings a *new law* - Law of Christ; Sermon on mount, Matt. 5-7 (we'll talk about this more in a later class)

D. Jesus is the True, Greater High Priest

- Heb. 4:14 - "Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession."
- **Heb. 8:1-7**

E. Jesus is the True Sacrifice

- **Heb. 9:11-14**
- **Heb. 10:1-4, 10**

F. Jesus is the True Temple

- The tabernacle/temple always symbolized GOD's presence among his people
- In the incarnation, God truly dwells with humanity, His people, *as a human being*, in the person of Jesus Christ
- Jesus's body is the true temple
- **John 2:19-22** - "Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you will raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When, therefore, he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken."

II. Christ Fulfills the Covenant of David

GOD's promise to David in **2 Sam. 7:**

1. An “offspring” who will rule (v.12)
 2. A kingdom that will last forever (v.13)
 3. An “offspring” who will be GOd’s son (v.14)
 4. A throne that will last forever (v.16)
- A. Jesus is the Son of David
- a. Matt. 1:1; this point his highly emphasized all throughout the book of Matthew
 - b. Fulfilled in his *humanity* - he is part of Joseph’s line, a physical descendant of David
- B. Jesus’s is the Son of God
- a. Matt. 16:15-16: “He [Jesus] said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’”
 - b. John 1:1-2, 14-18
 - c. Fulfilled in his *divine nature, in the incarnation* - Jesus is the God-Man; He is the eternal God the Son who took on flesh
- C. Jesus is God’s King
- a. Jesus speaks authoritatively about the “kingdom of God” all through his teachings during his earthly ministry. For example: the Sermon on the Mount and the parables of Jesus in the gospels are all about the “kingdom of God” or the “kingdom of heaven” that Jesus is ushering in.
 - b. Jesus brings about the promised kingdom through his death on the cross and resurrection (the crucifixion account - e.g. Matt. 27; Mark 15 - make this very clear).
 - c. Jesus reigns even now in heaven
 - d. ONe day, Jesus will return, bringing about his kingdom in full, bringing justice and judgment to His enemies, and ushering in the New Heavens and New Earth - New Creation, where He will reign forever and his throne will have no end, fulfilling God’s promise to David.

III. Christ Fulfills the Promise of a New Covenant

- A. Prophecy of a New Covenant in Jer. 31
- a. Different from the Old Covenant (the Covenant of Moses) (vv.31-32)

- i. Not based on works, but grace
 - ii. Not conditional, not based on us keeping the covenant, but based on God keeping it for us
 - b. God even promises to “write His law” on our hearts, putting His spirit inside of us, so that each person who is part of the New Covenant knows the Lord. (vv.33-34a)
 - c. Promises that everyone who is part of the New Covenant will have their sins forgiven and remembered no more (v.34b)
- B. Jesus brings a New Covenant for His people
- a. **Heb. 8:6-13**
 - b. **Luke 22:19-20** - At the Lord’s Supper, right before his crucifixion, calls it the cup of the new covenant “in my blood.” The New Covenant is brought about through His blood on the cross, and it is recognized and remembered through the Lord’s Supper in the New Covenant community.
 - c. Therefore, all who trust in Christ become part of His New Covenant community - the Church, which we’ll look at next week.