



GENESIS
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2:15-17
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NASB

FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

GOD'S COVENANTS: EDENIC & ADAMIC

Genesis 1:26-30 (Edenic Covenant - Covenant of Creation)

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

29 Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; 30 and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so.

Genesis 2:15-17 (Adamic Covenant)

15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. 16 The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

Genesis 3:14-19

(Consequences of Disobeying God by crossing His loving & protective boundaries)

14 The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, and dust you will eat All the days of your life; 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel." 16 To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth, in pain you will bring forth children; yet your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." 17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. 18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; and you will eat the plants of the field; 19 By the sweat of your face you will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."



LET'S OBSERVE THE DETAILS OF THESE COVENANTS

The Edenic (Creation) Covenant: Genesis 1:26-30

Terms and Conditions

1. Be fruitful and _____ (Genesis 1:28).
2. Fill the earth and _____ it (Genesis 1:28).
3. Rule over the _____ (Genesis 1:28-30).
4. Tend and keep the _____ (Genesis 2:15).
5. Do not eat from the Tree of _____ (Genesis 2:16-17).

Blessings

- Perfect _____ with God.
- Dominion over _____.
- Provision from the _____.
- _____ life (as long as they did not eat from the forbidden tree).

Circle the Type: Conditional Unconditional

Consequences for Disobedience

- Death: God warned, "You shall surely _____" (Genesis 2:17). This included spiritual separation from God and physical _____.

Symbol of Edenic Covenant: Tree of Life (see Revelation 22:1-4)

- Nugget: After redemption, all things are made new...and restored! Jesus is called the 2nd Adam, establishing a new creation & race who will inhabit Heaven! Praise God!

Attribute of God: Provider, Holy, and Sovereign

- God's holiness is evident in His command to obey. His sovereignty is shown as Creator, establishing humanity's purpose and boundaries while providing everything needed.

Circle the Nature of the Participant's Covenant Relationship (God and Adam):

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Royal Grant - Unconditional: king / servant - generational blessing as long as heirs remained loyal to the king

Parity - equals / brothers

The Adamic Covenant: Genesis 2:15-17

*This covenant replaced the Edenic Covenant with a redemption plan for sin...still active until today. He's faithful!

Terms and Conditions:

There are no conditions placed on humanity in this covenant. It declares the consequences of sin and introduces God's plan for redemption.



Blessings:

- Promise of Redemption: The seed of the woman (ultimately Christ) would crush the serpent's head (Genesis 3:15). This is the first prophecy of the Messiah.

Circle the Type: Conditional Unconditional

- This covenant is God's declaration of the consequences of sin but also contains a promise of redemption through the "seed of the woman" (Genesis 3:15).

Consequences for Disobedience:

- Serpent cursed: "On your belly you shall go" (Genesis 3:14).
- Satan defeated: The seed of the woman will bruise the serpent's head (Genesis 3:15).
- _____ in childbirth for women (Genesis 3:16).
- Struggle in relationships: "Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall _____ over you" (Genesis 3:16).
- Cursed ground: Work became painful and difficult (Genesis 3:17-19).
- _____ death: "For dust you are, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19).

Attribute of God: Justice and Mercy

- God's justice is shown in His judgment of sin. His mercy is evident in the promise of a Redeemer and in His continued provision for humanity despite their sin (Genesis 3:21).

NOW, LET'S READ THE AFTER-SUMMARY TOGETHER

With the current instability of the world we're living in—balancing careers, relationships, and personal growth—it's easy to feel unanchored. The Edenic and Adamic covenants from the Bible offer relevant insight that relates to our journey today. The Edenic Covenant tells of a time when humanity was given a perfect start: a beautiful world to steward, meaningful work, and a close relationship with God. It was conditional, highlighting that our choices have real consequences on our lives and surroundings.

But life isn't always about perfect beginnings. The Adamic Covenant kicks in when things go off track. After the first humans made choices that distanced them from God, He didn't walk away. Instead, He outlined the new challenges they would face—like hard work and pain—but also introduced a promise of hope. This unconditional covenant emphasizes that even when we fall, God's commitment to us doesn't waver.

What truly stands out is God's unwavering faithfulness throughout both covenants. In the Edenic Covenant, He provides everything needed for a fulfilling life, setting guidelines meant for our well-being. In the Adamic Covenant, even while addressing the fallout of human choices, He introduces hope for redemption. For those of us navigating the challenges of life, this encourages us that while we may face the consequences of our decisions, we're not abandoned.

These covenants invite us to reflect on our own lives. They remind us that despite mistakes or setbacks, there's a reliable source of faithfulness we can rely on. God's steadfast commitment offers us guidance and hope, much like a trusted friend who's there through thick and thin. Embracing this without abusing it can bring a sense of peace and purpose.



By one man, sin & death was introduced into the world by way of disobedience involving a tree. By another Man, sin & death was conquered through obedience by way of death on a tree's wood...a cross. Full-circle moment. *"It is finished!"* Hallelujah!

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- How do you respond when faced with the consequences of your own choices?
 - Reflect on a time when your decisions led to challenges or setbacks. How did you see God's faithfulness in helping you grow through those moments, and how might you rely on Him more in the future?
- Where in your life are you trying to handle things on your own instead of trusting in God's provision?
 - The Edenic Covenant reminds us of God's desire to provide and guide us. Are there areas in your life—work, relationships, or personal struggles—where you need to lean into His faithfulness instead of striving alone?
- How does God's promise of redemption give you hope in your current struggles?
 - The Adamic Covenant points to God's ultimate plan to restore what's broken. How can the reminder of God's redemption through Jesus encourage you to persevere and find hope in the challenges you're currently facing?

Closing Prayer...

We come before You with hearts full of gratitude for Your faithfulness throughout all seasons of life. Thank You for the story of the Edenic and Adamic covenants, which remind us of both the beauty of Your creation and the depth of Your mercy. Even when we fall short, You never abandon us. You provide guidance, offer grace, and invite us back into a relationship with You. We acknowledge that our choices often lead to challenges, but we are comforted knowing that Your love remains steadfast, and Your plans always include hope and redemption.

Lord, help us to see Your faithfulness in the midst of our struggles and to trust You when life feels overwhelming. Teach us to lean on You, especially when we face the consequences of our actions. Thank You for Your promise of restoration through Jesus, our Redeemer, who gives us hope and purpose. Strengthen our hearts to walk in obedience, and remind us daily that You are our constant source of peace, provision, and love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Next Week:

We will be covering the *Faithfulness of God* in the **Noahic Covenant** found in Genesis 9:1-17.