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Sunday service

The Covenant of Grace

2 Kings 25:1-7

Originally, in the Garden of Eden, if mankind kept the covenant, God would do everything else. But because the covenant was broken curses fell upon mankind and they had no choice but to go to hell. However, the principle that only the covenant must be kept is still alive today. All things that we need are promised within the promised blood. Salvation, answers, and victory that crushes Satan's head are all contained within this promise. But after this, there has been one more thing added that we must do regarding this covenant. That is to testify of this covenant. Since the covenant was broken, many people have been cursed because they lost hold of the covenant. That is why God desires for you to save people with the Gospel and God will bless everyone who does this work. Even today you have come to the place of worship to confirm and imprint this once again. May the grace be upon you so that all the blessings promised within the covenant will be upon you.

1. The covenant of grace

- 1) Today's bible passage records the unfortunate fall and captivity of Judah by Babylon. They slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, put out the eyes of Zedekiah bound him in chains, and took him to Babylon. (Verse 7)
- 2) During the time of the previous king, Jehoiachin, they were taken captive to Babylon because of idol worship (2 Kings 24:15) but they continued to worship other idols and went against God's Word which led to the same result. After that, the Babylonians destroyed the temple and took away everything in it that was made of gold and silver, and the weight of the brass they took was immeasurable. And many were killed and taken into captivity.
- 3) However, despite the tremendous judgments, the Israelites must be grateful that God poured down His grace upon them. Jehoiachin, who was the captured king, was given special treatment unlike any of the other kings. (25:27-28)
- 4) You must organize that this shows God's love and grace once again. He may give harsh judgment of sin, but He also holds grace, love, and forgiveness.
- 5) In theology, the covenant of the Garden of Eden is known as a covenant of actions, in which this covenant must be protected by your actions. Later on, He gave mankind a different covenant, which is the covenant of grace.
- 6) It is a covenant of salvation that does not break despite your actions. He has given the covenant of salvation that does not break despite committing sins to those who believe in Christ who has died for your sins. He has given you the covenant that grants you salvation the moment you believe, regardless of your actions. (John 5:24) And there is no going back from this.
- 7) The cause of curses is sin. If there is no sin, there would be no curse. However, He has given mankind the covenant that exists without curses even if there is sin. This is the covenant of grace.
- 8) Isaiah 43:25 states, "I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins." Jeremiah 31:33 states, "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people." Verse 34 states, "For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."
- 9) This Word was given even in the Old Testament. If this grace was not upon mankind, no one would be able to receive salvation. If your salvation is incomplete the moment you believe and can be broken the moment you sin, then who would be able to receive salvation? Then what Jesus fulfilled on the cross would be in vain.
- 10) After receiving salvation through faith, no sin could hinder your salvation. If sins do not affect your salvation that is already complete, there is no need to repent for your sins to be saved. Even if you do not repent, the salvation that you receive by faith is still valid.
- 11) Even if you keep sinning, you will be sent to prison but will die and go to heaven. And if you do not repent for any of your sins, then a lot of conflict will build up between your relationship with God. Then you will be suffering.
- 12) Therefore, those who have already received salvation should repent for their sins for their relationship with God for it would not affect their actual salvation. Repentance that is relation to your salvation

refers to your repentance to turning to God when you first believe. Repentance of your sins has no relation to the salvation that you already received.

- 13) This is God's grace and love for this is the covenant of grace. Inside of God's grace, He desired all the kings of Israel to be like David and Hezekiah, so that they would be blessed and God's name would be witnessed throughout the world.
- 14) Hezekiah was the light to all kings and nations that were destroyed by Assyria. If there was a king of the covenant like Hezekiah during the time of Babylon, then he would have been the light to the nations that were captivated by Babylon and received answers of uniqueness. However, there were no kings like this.
- 15) Regardless of the circumstances, God's grace and love were pointed towards His people. May you be in thanksgiving and remain loyal to His grace once again.

2. **Be aware of God's work**

- 1) If you correctly see the work of God, then you will see how God will guide your life. If your point of view is aligned with God's, then God's power and authority will be upon your life.
- 2) For this age, God has revealed His standard for the sake of His work. His standard is the Gospel. Therefore, historical works are bound to arise.
- 3) You have faith in this because it is stated in the Bible and God does everything through the Word that are recorded in the Bible. Last week the message was about the Israelites who did not enter Canaan. If they only entered Canaan, then all the incidents and affairs that arose in the wilderness would have ended as past events.
- 4) However, they did not enter Canaan, all the temptations that arose in the wilderness could not be overturned and became the cause of destruction. That was the authority of God's plan in that age.
- 5) God's plan for that age was the world history of that age. It was the stream and path of blessings for that age. God's plan for the age is the authority of that age to overturn all problems and crush Satan's head. The absolute plan is the absolute blessing. God gave you the Gospel and mission of this age as your life's fate and destiny. It is important to have an awareness of the work of God in the world.
- 6) In Paul's time, the work of God that was fulfilled in the history of the world was centered on Paul. Likewise, it was the same for Joseph as well. It is because they firmly held to God's covenant. They were not only the main figures to save the church, but the world history as well. God moved the world centered on them.
- 7) Luther, the one church officer, and the people on the Mayflower were greatly used for God's work. You can see the evidence through what has happened afterward. Therefore, you need the correct eyes to see the affairs and prayer topics. Then, the blessing for you to conquer will come. May you be in this stream.