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Sunday Pulpit

The Life Manual of the One with the Covenant

Gen 1:26-28

God created the world and entrusted it to mankind, made in His image, with the blessing and authority to rule and subdue all creation, establishing the covenant as the way to enjoy this blessing. The covenant is God's plan given only to mankind who bears His image. To be with God is to receive the covenantal status and authority to fully enjoy the grace He has bestowed. From the beginning, He has been with us and has established an eternal plan to be with us, which no one can alter or overturn. That is the original environment of creation granted to us. Therein lies the principle of creation. Just as a tree must be in the ground, fish in the water, and birds in the air to be happy, the happiness of mankind is found when we are with God and in fellowship with Him; hearing His voice becomes our joy and the reason for our life. It was a place filled with God's grace and truth, where there was no sin. This was the shadow of God's eternal heaven and a panoramic view of the Kingdom of God.

1. Eternal Covenant - The offspring of the woman

1) Separated from God and fallen into sin, mankind became bound as slaves to Satan, living under the destiny of repeated curses, disasters, and failure. Having departed from God, mankind wandered and began to create religions, forming visible gods to serve, thus falling into idolatry.
2) Even in the midst of this, God, according to His covenant to be with us from the beginning, declared the offspring of the woman as the way to resolve all curses and suffering, and did not cease the blessing of re-creation. Establishing the light that saves the perishing world and the path to eternal life.
3) God has never ceased the work of passing down the covenant that began with Adam. Though Satan raised every scheme and strategy to hinder it, he could not stop the faithfulness of God.
4) What is even more astonishing is that the faithful God fulfilled His promise, coming through the descendants of Abraham and as the offspring of the woman, just as He had declared. Although Mary was of the lineage of David and Abraham, Christ was not born from the seed of Adam, but was conceived by the Holy Spirit through the power of the Word in a virgin, coming to this earth in exact fulfillment of the covenant.
5) Jesus lived as the son of Joseph and Mary for 30 years, and for 3 years lived the life of the Christ, the life of fulfilling God's covenant, fulfilling all the covenant of the law of the Old Testament through His public ministry, and accomplishing the work of Christ by completely resolving mankind's fundamental problems: separation from God, sin, and Satan.
6) The suffering death of Christ on the cross was the death we deserved; yet even if all humanity had died, the problem of sin could never be solved and through His death, it was completely and perfectly resolved.
7) Now the grace of God has come upon the whole earth, and those who believe this amazing truth of the gospel receive salvation. They come to meet God and are given the authority to become His children, and at the same time, the Holy Spirit dwells within them, enabling them to pray and granting them the status to receive answers at all times, day by day.

2. The fulfillment of the covenant – Christ

1) We are not living on this earth by chance. We are living within the remarkable plan of the Almighty God. God's plan encompasses both the individual salvation and the

salvation of the world, and the church's role is to communicate and imprint this clearly and specifically each week.

2) The moment we believe in Jesus, we are saved by God's grace. This is His promise within grace and His plan, a truth that can never change or be altered.
3) The name we must call upon, meditate on, give thanks for, and proclaim throughout our lives is the name of Jesus. That name not only brings salvation, but is the key to answers, enabling us to enjoy the blessings of the throne anytime and anywhere through prayer.
4) Our effort to avoid sin after receiving salvation is commendable and beautiful, yet in our weakness we may still repeatedly stumble and fall into sin. Bad habits, actions, hatred, and unbelief naturally bring discomfort and shame into our lives. However, because the Holy Spirit of God is with you, if you persist in praying for strength to overcome and not be bound by them, you will surely prevail.
5) As we receive salvation, answers to prayer, and assurance of the forgiveness of sins, we are assured of victory in all things, and we are on the journey toward heaven. God has not abandoned you and me after salvation, but is with us through the Holy Spirit. God the Father gives us the Word each day, and in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son, He has promised to be with us as witnesses who save all people, all fields, all nations, and all ages.

3.The main figure of covenant fulfillment - Evangelist

1) This is the essential message I testify to you today. It is not for a select few, but the basic content and life of the gospel that every child of God should rightfully have. Only through this life are we able to stand without being deceived by the world, Satan, or ourselves. From this point forward, those who desire to live the life of a disciple must give their full attention.
2) Jesus commanded that we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that He has commanded. Christ, who holds all authority in heaven and on earth, has promised to be with us until the end of the age, we must, without fail, find the prepared ones within the 237 nations and 5,000 tribes.
3) It is not only about disciples. The world has already been imprinted, rooted, and formed into a nature of living by the Genesis 3 problem of self-centeredness, the Genesis 6 problem of materialism, and the Genesis 11 problem of success-centeredness. For those who live this way, spiritual problems inevitably come. When you see through the eyes of the gospel, you will see people of the world trapped in this and suffering.
4) The gospel that must be conveyed through our lives must be passed on to our children and the next generation. When we truly pray for our children, we must ask how the gospel can be conveyed through our lives; not merely teaching it, but showing them how to enjoy it.
5) There are those around us who believe in Jesus, though they may not belong to our church. If they are living a religious life caught in mysticism, humanism, or legalism, we are not to judge or condemn them, but to humbly share the gospel given to us, that we may enjoy it together, pray together, and be led into the blessing of evangelizing together.
6) What is truly remarkable is that God has promised all these blessings and even now continues without ceasing to answer, provide evidence, and guide us, enabling us to enjoy the grace of His presence. Therefore, we must receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and proclaim this gospel to the ends of the earth.