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“Chapter 7, Of God’s Covenant”  
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- What is a covenant?
  
- Paragraph 1. The Necessity of Covenant. Notice the Creator/creature distinction.
  - First, all of God’s reasonable creatures owe Him obedience simply because He is the Creator.
  
  - Second, in order for creatures to attain a reward of eternal life and communion with God, God must condescend to man and make a promise to him.
  
  - Third, notice that covenant is rooted in God’s sovereignty. God was “pleased to express by way of covenant.”
  
- Paragraph 2. The Solution to Sin. The covenant of grace has two aspects.
  - First, life and salvation is offered to all sinners.
  
  - Second, only those ordained to eternal life are promised life, the Holy Spirit, and are made willing to believe.
  
- READ Paragraph 3. How the Covenant of Grace is Revealed.
  - So, how is this covenant made known?
  
  - Notice the strong emphasis on the progress of revelation. This covenant is revealed in stages by farther steps.
    - First, it’s revealed to Adam in the promise of salvation by the seed of the woman.
  
    - Second, it’s revealed by father steps.
  
    - Third, it’s full discovery or historical manifestation comes in the New Testament, nor the new covenant.
  
    - Fourth, this covenant of grace is founded in the eternal covenant of redemption, or the *pactum salutis*.

- The validity of the term “covenant of grace.” Is there a covenant of grace? Where does the Bible speak of this covenant?
  - All throughout the Bible, we see that there is a promise of salvation.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - The book of Hebrews teaches that the new covenant is the covenant that always saved people, even those in the Old Testament.
    - The promise of the new covenant (or covenant of grace).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
    - The establishment of the new covenant (or covenant of grace).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - The doctrine of a single “covenant of grace” preserves the fact that God saves people in the very same way ever since the fall of Adam.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - The nature of the temporal biblical covenants.
    - They are all seed-preserving covenants. They are about preserving the line of promise until Christ comes.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
    - The Old Testament covenants reveal and preach the gospel of the covenant of grace, but they are not identified with that covenant.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
    - The Old Testament covenants contain a reminder of the original covenant of works. But

they are not the original covenant of works.