

SELF-FEEDER

"The Storyline of Scripture"

Acts 17:11

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"If the word of God is to shed light on our lives, to give guidance, direction, comfort, and understanding, we must learn to read it properly, and to let its truth, understood in its biblical context, engage and direct our thinking and our feelings." **Sinclair Ferguson**

The three C's of Scripture...

1. **CREATION**

Genesis 1:1-2:25

"It is difficult to overestimate the importance of the doctrine of creation. Many Christians are naturally interested in the doctrine of salvation, but without creation there is no understanding of the Christian faith as the Bible describes it." **Stephen Wellum**

2. **COVENANTS**

A covenant - "A formal agreement or treaty between two parties that establishes a relationship and in which obligations and mutual responsibilities may be enacted." **Donald McKim**

"My God, I bless thee that thou hast given me the eye of faith, to see thee as Father, to know thee as a covenant God, to experience thee as a covenant God." **Puritan Prayer**

7 Covenants...

A. The Covenant of Redemption

B. The Covenant with Adam

C. The Covenant with Noah

D. The Covenant with Abraham

E. The Covenant with Moses

F. The Covenant with David

G. The New Covenant

3. **CONSUMMATION**

"Heaven is old Eden purged and perfected." **Hywel Jones**

Covenant	Text(s)	Big Idea(s)	Key Concepts
REDEMPTION	Revelation 13:8	Program: God has a program of securing a people for himself.	Trinitarian Agreement, Overarching Umbrella or Container for All Covenants. This is the overall story of Scripture.
Adam	Genesis 1:26-3:24	Purpose, Problem, and Promise: God's people have a purpose, a problem, and a promise	Life, Image of God, Work, Marriage, Family, Sin, the Anointed One, Adam as a Federal Representative for All Humanity
Noah	Genesis 6:1-10:32	Preservation: God will preserve humanity and his people.	Sin, Flood, Ark, Door, Bow
Abraham	Genesis 15:1-6; 17:1-14	People: God chose the nation of Israel to be a vehicle through which he would deliver the Anointed One to Earth.	Nation, Land, The Sign of Circumcision, Gentile Inclusion, An Heir
Moses	Exodus 6:1-13; 19:1-25; 24:1-18	Purity: God enacted ceremonial and civil laws in order to keep Israel pure so that she might be a pure vessel for delivering the Messiah.	Ceremonial Law, Civic Law, Types, Shadows, Blessings for Obedience, Curses for Disobedience
David	2 Samuel 7:1-17	Person: God promises to send a king who will have an everlasting dominion.	King; Heir; Kingdom; Descendent of David; Everlasting Reign
New Covenant	Jeremiah 31:33; Matthew 26:26-29	Promise Fulfilled: Christ's blood and body are given to secure a people for the Lord.	The Body and Blood of Jesus; Regeneration and the Holy Spirit

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION/GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How might the storyline of Scripture help you in your Bible reading and Bible study? Does seeing Scripture according to the 3 C's we've mentioned help you?
2. How does an understanding of the covenants aid you in your Bible study? What errors might it help you avoid?
3. What did you learn in this lesson?
4. What are some mistakes you have made, or you have witnessed others make, in misinterpreting certain texts of Scripture because of a misunderstanding of the covenants?